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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (105-0)CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
P. O. Box 2868
Los Angeles, California
RACIAL MATTERS
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On 12/22/58

[redacted] San Diego, California, who is being considered for development as a PSI concerning Racial Matters and whose identity should be concealed advised SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS on [redacted] WILLIAM P. GALE, former Constitution Party write-in candidate for Governor of California, [redacted]

GALE told [redacted] he was one of the founders of the above captioned organization, which, according to GALE, will operate like the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) (of the B'nai Brith) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and will keep files on members of these organizations together with files on all the Jews in the country. Dues will be \$12.00 per year and the money is to be used for private investigators to obtain the necessary information on individuals for the files. Purpose of the organization is to boycott the Jewish merchants, brokers, bankers, and others by urging the people to patronize gentile firms. The organization also wants to uncover the Jewish plot to overthrow the Government and turn it over to the House Committee on Un-American Activities so that the HCUA may hold Hearings for the purpose

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of exposing the plot. GALE hopes that the organization will soon be national in scope.

GALE also stated that he had been attending meetings of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group which meets Thursdays at San Diego and which is led by BERTRAND LEWIS COMPARET, a San Diego Attorney, and has for its speaker Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, pastor of Church of Christ Christian, Lancaster, California. GALE said he was in the process of suing the Secretary of the State of California, claiming he had more write-in votes than had been credited to him and that COMPARET was handling the lawsuit for him.

GALE said that word had been passed to him "from San Francisco" that the FBI was investigating the Constitution Party but said that neither he nor the Constitution Party had anything to hide.

[redacted] discussed with GALE [redacted]
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Los Angeles furnish documentation of Christian Defense League and WILLIAM P. GALE.

[redacted] Anglo-American Bible Study Group, according to [redacted] is an affiliate of the Christian Nationalist Crusade. Information concerning Constitution Party has been furnished Bureau.

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Christian Defense League

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Religious affiliation Telephone

Monthly contribution \$1.00 ☐ Yearly contribution \$12

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

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READ THIS MESSAGE AND JOIN THE

"Christian Defense League"

P. O. Box 2868, Los Angeles 28, California

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R. E. GRAHAM

[Handwritten signature]

Christians WAKE UP! The N.A.A.C.P. represents the Negro. The A.D.L. represents the Jew. Who represents YOU?

The truth is that an alien, anti-Christian element has invaded your land. They seek to destroy your Christian culture by waging a relentless WAR upon everything Christian. They seek to remove the name of our LORD JESUS from American public life. They are ORGANIZED. Night and day their legal staffs work on anti-Christian projects while the majority of our Christian brothers and sisters SLEEP ON. When ~~Christian employs Christian or seeks Christian patronage, the organized enemy cries "discrimination" and~~ seeks to pass legislation which limits your freedom in a land that has been declared A CHRISTIAN NATION by the U. S. Supreme Court. In New York state legislation has been passed which forbids Christian hotel owners to advertise their establishments as Christian or to solicit Christian trade. Violation of this legislation is punishable by fine, revocation of business license or imprisonment. All of this against Christians while there is no such legislation against delicatessens or stores exhibiting Kosher signs or preventing hotels from advertising the availability of "cantors" for high holiday services.

Officials of San Diego, California deny the use of public parks, auditoriums, and city or county facilities to Christians for their age-old custom of celebrating Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas services. All over the country there is an ORGANIZED WAR against community observances of Christian holidays. There is a cry of "persecution" and efforts to obtain judicial decisions blocking school participation in these traditional Christian exercises, even though others are under no compulsion to participate. Crosses have been removed from military cemeteries. A.D.L. legal staffs apply pressure upon Attorney Generals in many states seeking to rule the Bible out of our schools and prayer from public life. The traditional assembly periods which opened with prayer, Bible reading and patriotic songs, are under persistent attack and have virtually disappeared from our American Way of Life.

The alert Christian who discusses these problems is harassed, persecuted, dismissed from his job, black-listed and denounced as a bigot. The A.D.L. has been formed to carry out this oppressive campaign of aggression against Christians. This they cannot deny. Photostats of above mentioned news items from the press are available upon request. By their fruits ye shall know them.

The preservation of our white Christian heritage is at stake. YOU, fellow Christian, are now invited to join the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE. Strength lies in organization. Our legal staff will function across the nation to protect and defend Christians and restore our Christian rights as well as our Constitutional Republic. The enemy has unlimited resources, filched from America but hundreds of thousands of American Christians contributing only one dollar per month to the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE can build an effective defense fund. Many intelligent leaders are convinced that this is the only answer to SAVE OUR REPUBLIC. JOIN NOW before it is too late. Receive the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE BULLETIN every month. TALK CHRISTIAN, BUY CHRISTIAN, VOTE CHRISTIAN . . . LIVE CHRISTIAN!

In the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST — AMEN.

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of January 16, 1959, and the enclosures thereto.

I appreciate your interest in furnishing this information and I assure you that it will receive appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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No derogatory information concerning [Redacted] identified in Bureau files. Incoming enclosed a circular put out by Christian Defense League, P.O. Box 2868, Los Angeles 28, California, which solicited membership and contributions of \$1 to "protect and defend Christians and restore our Christian rights as well as our Constitutional Republic." The circular spoke of officials of San Diego denying the use of public facilities for Easter celebrations and spoke of legislation in New York State which forbids hotel owners to solicit Christian trade but permits kosher advertising. See San Diego airtel to Bureau 12/23/58, cc Los Angeles, captioned "Christian Defense League, Racial Matters."

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No derogatory information identifiable with [redacted] found in Bureau files. Christian Defense League is subject of current investigation to determination if it advocates, condones, or incites violence for the purpose of denying others their constitutional rights.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/24/59

FROM :

SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-6268)

SUBJECT:

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL),
P.O. Box 2868,
Los Angeles 28, California
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LA)

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Re San Diego airtel to the Bureau 12/23/58;
also, San Diego letter to Los Angeles dated 12/31/58
captioned "INFORMANT COVERAGE IN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MAY BE
ENGAGED IN VIOLENT ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MINORITY GROUPS,
RACIAL MATTERS."

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, Colonel, USA (Retired)

Following is information concerning GALE gleaned from
Los Angeles files:

On 9/5/52 one Colonel WILLIAM GALE, Los Angeles
County Council of the VFW, informed SA WASON G. CAMPBELL that
he had participated in then recent hearings before the Los
Angeles Board of Education on UNESCO, since when a disabled
veteran active in fighting Communism had promised to put him
in touch with three women who had outstanding story to relate.
He promised to forward any pertinent information developed to
the FBI. (100-0-62030)

On 9/8/52 a complainant contacted the Los Angeles
Office upon the advice of Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE that she do
so. (62-0-26018)

On 8/4/55 Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive,
Hollywood, informed SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER that he was organizing
a group known as "For America, Inc.," to teach Americanism as
opposed to Communism. He also sought information concerning a
writer with whom he would possibly be associated. (100-0-64460)

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On 8/2/57 WILLIAM P. GALE, 8336 Beverly Boulevard, Hollywood, complained to SA WALTER T. GRAY that someone, in an apparent effort to discredit the Constitution Party of California, of which he was Chairman, had sent each person on the party's mailing list some anti-Semitic literature. He suspected ARTHUR E. CASE, whom he replaced as party Chairman in May, 1957. (100-49229-4)

The "Los Angeles Herald Express" newspaper dated 9/23/57 contained an article, "Constitution Party Announces California's Slate," which stated Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE's candidacy for Governor of California on the slate of the Constitution Party of the United States had been announced. The article identified GALE as a retired army officer who had served on General Mac ARTHUR's staff in World War II, organizing guerrilla fighters in the Philippines, and as State Chairman of the Constitution Party of California. (100-49229-5)

On 10/10/57 [redacted] of the Constitution Party, furnished information to SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT that the Constitution Party was not a political party as such at that time, but did intend to qualify as such under the election laws of California in the near future. He said it was headed by Colonel WILLIAM GALE, USA, (Retired). (100-16839-119)

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On 1/2/58 WILLIAM POTTER GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, personally informed SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD that he had appeared on the Tom Duggan TV Show on 11/28/57 when, he suspected, he incurred the enmity of the Jewish element as a result of DUGGAN's misidentification of GALE and the Constitution Party with GERALD L. K. SMITH. He said he had, in fact, never met SMITH and only once heard him speak. He furnished a copy of the Constitution Party's platform and a printed letter dated 11/1/57 which he said had been sent to each of the Congressmen from California enclosing an "Indictment for High Crimes and Misdemeanors," signed by GALE, wherein the Constitution Party of California "indicted" President EISENHOWER, et al, in connection with the recent troubles in Arkansas. The letter to the Congressmen urged them to bring impeachment proceedings against the President for his allegedly unconstitutional actions. (105-2151-32/33)

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On 2/21/58 WILLIAM P. GALE, 408 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, made available to this office a copy of the Rules and Regulations for Clubs similar to those of the two major political parties, which the Constitution Party planned to set up. He simultaneously furnished a cover letter addressed to him by one [redacted] enclosing a 22-page mimeographed document (seeking assistance against the Department of Justice's "forcing" her to turn to Communist East Germany for help) and asking him to forward his response to offices of the Constitution Party. (105-2151-38; 62-0-31980)

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On 2/25/58 G-2 (Regional Office #2, 115th CIO Group, Pasadena, California) forwarded information that Lt. Col. WILLIAM P. GALE, USA (Retired), 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood 28, California (HO 7-7642), complained to that agency on 2/21/58 that he had been employed for 17 months in the Industrial Planning Section of Rocketdyne Division of North American Aviation Company until August, 1957, when he was discharged, he believed, for "political reasons," influenced by "subversive elements" opposed to his adamant stand against Communism, although ostensibly his dismissal was based on the cancellation of the contract in which his work was involved. He also claimed he had severed his connection with the "New Constitution Party" of which he had been State Chairman until some three months before. His interviewer commented that GALE gave no indication of being a "fanatic," was calm, coherent, and logical. (98-1895-1/2/3)

On 4/16/58 [redacted] Plant Security, Rocketdyne, informed SA FREDERICK G. TILMAN that GALE's allegations were unfounded. He described GALE as an "eccentric" with a feeling of superiority, believing everyone but himself a Communist. He said GALE had been stopped at the plant gate to prevent his bringing "right wing" literature into the plant. (98-1895-3)

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On 10/20/58 an anonymous woman telephoned the Los Angeles Office to advise that SAN JACINTO CAPP, Campaign Manager for Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, write-in candidate for Governor on the Constitution Party ticket, was, according to the woman, formerly associated with the Ku Klux Klan some years ago. (98-1895-4)

By letter to San Francisco dated 12/31/58, the San Diego Office stated that on 10/30/58 [redacted] of San Diego, who was being considered by that office for development as a PSI in racial matters, stated [redacted] supposedly connected

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with the Constitution Party of California and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in San Diego on [REDACTED]

At this meeting plans were made to establish [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that WILLIAM P. GALE "seemed" to be the leader of the group on the state level, according to information furnished [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 10/27/58 [REDACTED] claimed he had

[REDACTED] Again, on

11/14/58 he claimed [REDACTED] had been dropped and later that it had ceased to exist altogether.

(From information furnished by [REDACTED] the so-called

[REDACTED] and, while his information is not clear on this point, was apparently local to San Diego, despite the "seeming" connection of GALE with it on the "state level," which may have been only a reference to GALE's connection with the Constitution Party on a state level.)

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)

Los Angeles files indicate no additional information concerning the Christian Defense League, other than already possessed by the Bureau and San Diego, which office is in receipt of Bureau remarks appended to a copy of a recent letter of acknowledgment by the Bureau to one [REDACTED]

California.

According to information received from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, on 1/13/59 (by SA WILLIAM J. Mc CAULEY), Post Office Box 2868, Hollywood Station, was applied for by S. J. CAPT, 5400 Carlton Way, Apt. 117, Hollywood, business address 9416 East Las Tunas, Temple City, California, on 11/21/58 on behalf of the CDL, described as a "religious association."

S. J. CAPT is apparently identical with SAN JACINTO CAPT, aka. CAPP, one-time Klansman, and subject of a current investigation by this office. A copy of the report in that matter will be furnished San Diego for its information.

Referenced San Diego airtel advised that [REDACTED] that GALE is one of the founders of the CDL, the purpose of which is to obtain information concerning the Anti-Defamation League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to develop information of a so-called "Jewish plot" to overthrow the Government and to turn such information over to the HCUA, and to organize boycotts against Jewish business.

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GALE. it is noted. [redacted]

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[redacted] apparently is related to the [redacted] mentioned by [redacted] in connection with [redacted] in San Diego, California, in [redacted] See last two paragraphs under above subcaption, "WILLIAM POTTER GALE.")

In referenced San Diego letter [redacted] further quoted GALE as attending meetings led by COMPARET in San Diego, at which Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT was speaker. Although GALE's connection with COMPARET is apparent in that COMPARET is handling GALE's law suit against the Secretary of State of California, his attending meetings in San Diego to hear SWIFT is difficult to understand in view of SWIFT's regular appearance on Friday evenings and Sundays in Los Angeles where GALE resides. When SWIFT was interviewed on 1/22/59, he said that he spoke regularly (at COMPARET's meetings) in San Diego, but described them as meetings connected with COMPARET's Christian Church congregation, of which denomination COMPARET is an ordained minister. [redacted] has also stated COMPARET's "Anglo-American Bible Study Group" is an affiliate of GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian Nationalist Crusade. Although both COMPARET and SWIFT are personally connected with the Christian Nationalist Crusade, (as illustrated in Los Angeles letters to San Diego concerning "BERTRAND LEWIS COMPARET, RACIAL MATTERS," SD 105-348, and dated 2/27/59). Los Angeles sources have never substantiated such an allegation as [redacted] and SWIFT during the above-mentioned interview denied there is any truth in it.

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Referenced San Diego letter states [redacted] also visited one [redacted] California, who told him that [redacted] and predicted [redacted] The opposite is the truth. [redacted]

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[redacted] about one year ago, and [redacted] and appeals for funds suggest he is experiencing financial difficulty.

The foregoing suggests that some caution must be exercised in the utilization of information furnished by

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[redacted] in view of either confusion or unreliability on his part or of those from whom he obtains information.

In this connection, it is noticed that [redacted]
(according to San Diego letter to the Bureau dated 11/28/58
concerning [redacted] aka.. RACIAL MATTERS,
"INFORMANT PROGRAM" [redacted])

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[redacted] This may have some bearing on the information reported by him.

In the absence of additional information substantiating [redacted]
[redacted] uncertain linking of GALE with [redacted]
[redacted] planned in the San Diego meetings, and in the absence of information that GALE is inclined to violence, no additional investigation is believed warranted at this time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/22/60

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (98-1895)

SUBJECT: COLONEL WILLIAM P. GALE
RACIAL MATTER

Re Los Angeles let to the Bureau 2/24/59 captioned "CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL), P.O. BOX 2868, LOS ANGELES 28, CALIFORNIA; RACIAL MATTER." This letter set forth background information concerning Col. WILLIAM P. GALE, U. S. Army, Retired, 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, telephone Hollywood 44179.

Col. GALE called at the Los Angeles Office 3/18/60. On the previous day, [redacted] Region II, CIC, Pasadena, California, had telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office stating that Col. GALE wished to come to the FBI Office to give information of interest to both the Army and the FBI. [redacted] also sat in on the interview.

GALE exhibited a two-page document prepared by himself in which he alleges that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is a privately-financed "gestapo" organization which constitutes a security risk. The reasons for GALE's opinion are set forth in this document, a photostat of which is attached hereto. GALE had no additional pertinent information other than that set out in the attached document. He was unable to furnish any information of interest to CIC.

On 3/21/60, [redacted] Embassy Auditorium, 847 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that Col. WILLIAM GALE had made a reservation under the name "The Committee in Defense of State Sovereignty," 4027 Garden Ave., Los Angeles, to use the main auditorium on 4/1/60 at 8:00 p.m. The chairman of the meeting is to be Col. GALE and the main speaker Governor ORVAL FAUBUS, of Arkansas. Admission is to be by ticket only.

There is no record in the files of the Los Angeles Office concerning The Committee in Defense of State Sovereignty.

No further action is being taken in this matter, and the above is furnished for the information of the Bureau in the event that GALE communicates with the Bureau.

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Privately-financed 'gestapo' organizations constitute a security risk.

The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith is one such organization. In its desperate attempt to run down individuals who might be critical of their political policies involving domestic and foreign affairs, they have developed a highly financed, and in many instances, a secretly manipulated organization not only for the purpose of gathering information, but for the purpose of working reprisals.

Conservative observers are of the opinion that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) operates in the following realms:

1. Blacklists all critics.
2. Pressures mediums of communication for either silent treatment or smear having to do with the victim.
3. Exercises coercive techniques in the use of boycotts.
4. They do not hesitate to menace the employment of any individual whom they consider in disagreement with their policies.
5. They occupy themselves with the preparation of propaganda speeches, convention addresses and sermons for pulpits. These speeches, sermons and addresses are sent out to the objects of their manipulation without the sources being revealed.
6. This organization exercises itself in political campaigns although they are qualified for tax exemption.
7. Evidence is available to establish the conclusion that the Anti-Defamation League organizes agents-provocateur who promote anti-Semitic activities for the purpose of smearing their critics and developing foundation sentiment for money-raising campaigns.

It seems only natural to assume that an organization which has gathered enough power to get men and women fired and hired and smeared and subjected to character assassination by the use of certain processes of secret manipulation is dangerous to the security of our Nation.

Recommended reading:

THE IRON CURTAIN OVER AMERICA by Col. John Beatty -- important man in

Military Intelligence during World War II.

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND ITS USE IN THE WORLD COMMUNIST
OFFENSIVE by Major Robert Williams, formerly of Military
Intelligence.

ZION'S FIFTH COLUMN by former Senator Jack B. Tenney

THE BIGOTS BEHIND THE SWASTIKA SPREE by Joseph P. Kamp

KNOW YOUR ENEMY by Major Robert Williams

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (98-1895)

RE: WILLIAM P. GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

An item in the "Los Angeles Times" dated 7/6/60 captioned "Supporters Stage Rally for Faubus" and indicates a parade of more than 100 persons went through the Biltmore Hotel lobby on 7/11/60 supporting ORVAL FAUBUS, Governor of Arkansas, for the Presidency. Captioned individual was indicated as leading the parade. It is also indicated that GALE passed out a news release saying that FAUBUS is supported by organizations in 41 states.

GALE is a retired Army Colonel and was described in Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 2/20/59 under the caption "Christian Defense League (CDL), Post Office Box 2868, Los Angeles 28, California, RACIAL MATTERS." He was also the subject of Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 3/22/60 under the caption as indicated above. He was also mentioned in Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 3/28/60 under the caption "California Rangers."

According to the article in the newspaper, the parade of FAUBUS supporters chanted slogans such as "We want a Christian in the White House" and "Down with the Internationalists."

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A Sun., Mar. 13, 1960 Los Angeles Examiner *

The Truth Behind L.A. Faubus Group

Links With Hate Sellers Revealed

The entire text of the following story was read to Governor Faubus Friday night by William Shelton, city editor of the Arkansas Gazette. Faubus said he "defers comment at this time."

By JAMES PECK

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The leader of the Faubus-for-President movement here is a man who deeply admires Gerald L. K. Smith, a man who favors permitting only Christians to vote in California, a man whose political mission is to fight the "Negro balance of power" in America.

On March 3, wire services carried excerpts from a telegram sent by Gov. Orval Faubus of Arkansas to a retired Army colonel in Los Angeles named William P. Gale, chairman of the Faubus group.

The wire referred to the "Faubus for President movement which was sparked by your initial effort there" and it included the wish that "your efforts bear fruit for the good of America."



COL. WM. GALE
Faubus backer.

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An investigation by The Examiner reveals connections between the Faubus group and several hate mongers in this area which indicate it is a direct threat to human relations in the community.

Asked for comment, these two leaders in Southern California community relations had this to say:

• David MacFarlane, president, Community Relations Conference of Southern California (a federation of 64 community relations groups):

"The people of California are moving away fast from—not toward—the persecution of minorities and the distortion of our constitutional rights.

"The activities of hate groups must be fought by all of us, without regard to politics. It is the responsibility of every citizen to see that his vote is not used for the propagation of hate."

• Milton Senn, executive director, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith:

"These people are attempting to build a political movement on a philosophy of Aryan supremacy which is not only odious to our constitutional form of Government, but is completely repugnant to western civilization."

Questioned by The Examiner, Gale admitted:

• That he has met Gerald L. K. Smith (perhaps America's most infamous anti-Semite and hate merchant) on several occasions; has read some of his writings, and finds him to be "one of the finest Christian men that I have ever met," adding, "I will not deny Gerald L. K. Smith before you or anyone else."

Gale also said that "... I

would assume from what he has said and what has been relayed to me that he would support Governor Faubus."

• That Gale has appeared on platforms with Smith and with Wesley Swift, a former lecturer at Ku Klux Klan meetings in this area. Swift, who is Gale's minister, appeared in Little Rock, Ark., last May to aid the segregationist cause, but was rejected as a speaker at the last minute.

• That Mrs. Opal Tanner White, who is G. L. K. Smith's office manager, spoke at a Faubus for President rally in the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel Feb. 15,

1960, and that Charles Robertson, editor of Smith's publication "The Cross and The Flag", distributed literature.

• That Gale is of the opinion that it is time "We Californians... put Christians in public office at all levels;" that he, as an individual, favors restriction of the vote to Christians; that he seeks support only from "white Christians."

• That the object of his campaign for Faubus is to overcome the "balance of power" of 13,000,000 Negro votes."

Gale denies he's either anti-Semitic or anti-Negro, even though he doesn't believe these groups should vote.

"In fact," he says "I have Negro friends.

"However, I believe they have their place and I have mine."

Gale claims his movement now has between fifty and sixty million White votes and centers his political arguments around the state's rights issue. He believes it is "entirely possible" Faubus will become President.

Gale insisted he will file Faubus for the California Democratic primary, but officials say the deadline has expired.

His strategy, in the event of Faubus' almost certain failure to be nominated, calls for the sending of free electors from the South to the Electoral College with the understanding that they are not bound to vote for the Democratic candidate.

If these electors could cause the presidential election to be thrown into Congress each state would have only one vote, and, Gale reasons, the South would be in a strong bargaining position.

Here Is List of Contributors

A further link between the Faubus for President movement and the Gerald L. K. Smith hate movement is provided by a comparison of the lists of contributors to the groups.

A search of the contributor's list filed by Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade with the House of Representatives under the Corrupt Practices Act and a list of 107 names published by the Faubus group as "attending and donating" at a meeting in Los Angeles, revealed the following apparent duplications:

FAUBUS	G. L. K. SMITH
A. W. DRURY	A. W. DRURY, Compton, \$145
T. A. COWEN	T. A. COWEN, Encino, \$210
HAIG ARKLIN	H. ARKLIN, Los Angeles, \$128.75
MAE GREIDER	M. GREIDER, Glendora, \$75 (loan)
BERTHA V. BOWLING	B. V. BOWLING, Los Angeles, \$108
RAYMOND YORK	R. York, Los Angeles, \$208.50 (loan)
ALMA E. KILIUS	ALMA E. KILIUS, Hollywood, \$104

The Faubus contributor list also includes the name "Nan Nearhoof." A recent Gerald L. K. Smith publication carries a picture of a "Nan Nearhoof," and identifies her as the sister of the wife of Gerald L. K. Smith.

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Mr. Trainor	Please see me
Mr. Woodcock	Please call me
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Miss Stickland	Note file #
Miss Walsh 4704	and return R/S
Miss Wright	

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William P. Gale
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 157-571 5P

WILLIAM POTTER GALE.

Racial Matters

INFORMANT

D.P.O.B.

Los Angeles, Calif

CONCEAL

CALIFORNIA TODAY ADVISED HE IS

AND IT IS KNOWN AMONG ASSOCIATES HE

SOME TIME AGO ASSOCIATES WHO HE DECLINED TO

NAME SUGGESTED HE GET TOGETHER WITH SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION.

MEETING ARRANGED AT

CALIFORNIA

LAST AT WHICH GALE AND TWO UNNAMED

ASSOCIATES PRESENT.

GALE GAVE WHAT THINKS WAS PREPARED TALK

ABOUT JEWS BEING ENEMY OF THE WORLD AND SPECIFICALLY

UNITED STATES. GALE QUOTED MANY BIBLE PASSAGES TO SUPPORT

ARGUMENT. VAGUE REFERENCES MADE TO ORGANIZATION

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NAME AND LOCATION NOT GIVEN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF OPINION

ARGUMENT ADVANCED BY GALE WAS SAME USED BY HITLER DURING
RISE TO POWER. NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

GALE DESCRIBED AS CONVINCING TALKER ALTHOUGH HE
ADVANCED VERY POOR ARGUMENT TO SUPPORT HIS BELIEFS.

[REDACTED] STATED GALE WANTED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
BUT PLACE NOT GIVEN.

[REDACTED] WAS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY INDICATION THERE
WAS PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OR MEMBERS
OF THEIR FAMILIES AND STATED HE DID NOT GET SUCH IMPRESSION
DURING CONVERSATION. THE ONLY NAME MENTIONED BY GALE

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COULD NOT BE RECALLED BY [REDACTED] BUT HE BELIEVES IT WAS

[REDACTED] ~~PAREN~~ (PHONETIC) ~~PAREN~~ AND THE PERSON

REFERRED TO WAS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC STATEMENT.

[REDACTED] CLAIMS HE BECAME ANGRY AT GALE BUT WAS
CONVINCED OF HIS SINCERITY AND TRIED TO GAIN HIS CONFIDENCE
TO GET ADDITIONAL INFO TO [REDACTED]
AND PARTED UNDER AFFABLE CONDITIONS. STATED HE WANTED
TO GO ALONG WITH GALE TO OBTAIN MORE INFO BUT WAS AFRAID
GALE MIGHT BE UNDER INVESTIGATION AND ASSOCIATION WITH
GALE MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD.

[REDACTED] TOLD GALE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS LOGICAL FROM GALE-S

POINT OF VIEW.

[REDACTED] CONTACT GALE-S OFFICE
AFTER MEETING AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT SUBJECT
DISCUSSED. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD BE SENT BUT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

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[REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED TO RECONTACT GALE PERSONALLY
FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, TO [REDACTED] AND
MAKE THESE CONTACTS IF THE FBI WANTED HIM TO DO SO. HE WAS
TOLD HE WOULD BE ADVISED LATER WHETHER SUCH ACTION WAS DESIRED
BY FBI.

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[REDACTED] IS WHITE, MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA. INDICES, LOS ANGELES
OFFICE NEGATIVE. CRIMINAL AND CREDIT RECORD BEING CHECKED.

Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau

~~UACB~~ [REDACTED] WILL BE REQUESTED TO RECONTACT GALE AND FURNISH
INFO OBTAINED TO THIS OFFICE.

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CONTAINS INFO CONCERNING [REDACTED]
CALIFORNIA WHO ALLEGEDLY MADE STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THERE
WAS A CONSPIRACY TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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AS BUREAU IS AWARE GALE IS RETIRED US ARMY
LT. COLONEL WITH ARMY MEDICAL HISTORY OF PSYCHONEUROSIS.
HE IS LOS ANGELES RESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE OF WESLEY A. SWIFT
LEADER OF RELIGIOUS GROUP CALLED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST DASH
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CHRISTIAN WHICH MEETS IN LOS ANGELES AND LANCASTER, CALIF.
GALE AND SWIFT ARE OUTSPOKEN MESSENGERS OF HATE AGAINST
NEGROES AND JEWS.

ABOVE INFO NOT DISSEMINATED LOCALLY. LETTERHEAD
MEMO FOLLOWS.

END AND ACK

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lavin
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

June 7, 1963

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 10/4/88 BY SP1AG/HR
#284937

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

A source of this Bureau, contact with whom has not been sufficient to evaluate his reliability, on June 6, 1963, furnished information to us that [redacted]

[redacted] This source furnished information he obtained from William Potter Gale that Gale [redacted]

[redacted] The source received the impression that the organization that Gale was talking about was located in the South.

William Potter Gale is a retired United States Army lieutenant colonel who has an army medical history of psychoneurosis. He resides in Los Angeles, California, and is an associate of Wesley A. Swift, a leader of a religious group called the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian. Wesley A. Swift has long been an associate of Gerald L. K. Smith, the publisher of anti-Semitic material in California.

When our source met with Gale in California on [redacted] Gale gave what our source believes was a prepared talk about Jews being the enemy of the world and specifically the United States. Gale quoted many Bible passages to support his argument and made vague references to an organization, the name and location of which were not given but which organization was [redacted]

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

We inquired of our source if there was any indication of a plan to assassinate President Kennedy, Vice President Johnson or members of their families and the source stated he did not get such an impression during the conversation. The only name mentioned by Gale according to our source

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our source could not recall the specific statement.

Information has previously been made available to this Bureau concerning a group known as "Council for Statehood" which maintains its headquarters in Florida. Allegations were made that this group would attempt to mitigate the influence of the Council on Foreign Relations by legislation and failing this would resort to assassinations. The Council on Foreign Relations is a private group in New York interested in the foreign policy of the United States Government.

This Bureau is presently conducting investigation concerning the Council for Statehood and an investigation is being initiated on William Potter Gale. Information developed concerning this group and Gale will be furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Information in attached is being furnished to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Marshall and Yeagley, as well as to the White House, in writing.

Los Angeles is being instructed to maintain contact with [REDACTED]

Information similar to that in attached has been obtained concerning a group known as the Council for Statehood which has its headquarters in Florida. Miami is presently conducting interviews to attempt to run out this information.

No record of [REDACTED] in Bureau indices.

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The Attorney General

June 7, 1963

Director, FBI

WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
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WILLIAM P. Gale

1 - Mr. Belmont
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The Attorney General

The only name mentioned by Gale according to our source

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[REDACTED] **Our source could not recall the specific statement.**

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Reference is made to previous correspondence furnished to the Department under the caption "Council for Statehood" which correspondence has set forth information that the Council for Statehood, a group with its headquarters in Florida, will attempt to mitigate the influence of the Council on Foreign Relations by legislation and failing this will resort to assassinations. The Council on Foreign Relations is a private group in New York interested in the foreign policy of the United States Government.

Our Miami Office is presently conducting investigation concerning the allegation that this group would resort to assassinations and an investigation is being initiated on William Potter Gale.

The above information is being furnished to the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President.

1 - Deputy Attorney General

**1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General**

**1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General**



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URGENT 6-7-63
TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 071750

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, RM.
RE MY TEL JUNE 6 LAST.
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To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)

From: Director, FBI

WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurtel 6-6-63.

You should initiate investigation concerning William Potter Gale. This investigation should be most thorough in developing background information concerning him, his associates, contacts and friends. Consideration should be given to the monitoring of any bank accounts that Gale has.

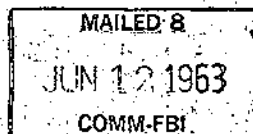
For the information of Los Angeles, previous information has been received from the Miami Office concerning a group known as the "Council for Statehood" in which allegations have been made that this group would resort to assassinations if the influence of the Council on Foreign Affairs over the policies of the U. S. Government could not be mitigated through legislation. The Council on Foreign Affairs is a private group with headquarters in New York, interested in the foreign policy of the United States.

Miami should furnish Los Angeles background information on the Council for Statehood. In addition, Miami should vigorously pursue the interviews of members of the Council for Statehood which were authorized in Bureau airtel dated 6-4-63.

For the information of Miami, Los Angeles has furnished information that William Potter Gale has

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Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles
RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

indicated that he belongs to an organization with headquarters in the South which is plotting the assassination of 300 persons of Jewish origin.

Los Angeles furnish Miami information contained in retel 6-6-63.

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

June 13, 1963

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
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WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum of June 7, 1963, to the Attorney General, captioned as above.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum prepared by our Los Angeles Office setting forth in more detail the substance of the information contained in my memorandum of June 7, 1963, concerning William Potter Gale and his efforts to [redacted]

According to our source who furnished the information, Gale stated [redacted]

It is respectfully requested that the Department review this material and advise if the plans of Gale constitute a violation of any law of the United States over which this Bureau has jurisdiction.

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1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley - Enclosure
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE: The Los Angeles Office has furnished information received from one [redacted] in California, [redacted]

[redacted] William Potter Gale, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U. S. Army who has an Army medical hospital record for treatment for psychoneurosis. Gale told source [redacted]

This information was furnished to the AG and to Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, on 6/7/63. Los Angeles Office has been instructed to conduct background investigation concerning Gale.

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Date: 6/7/63

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

Agency G-2, ONI, CSI, CRD

Date Forw. 6/14/63

How Forw. R/S

By RAB: cjs

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated
6/6/63.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a
letter head memo reflecting details of the interview
with [redacted] whose name was given in
referenced teletype as [redacted]

[redacted] stated he is [redacted] and is
convinced that [redacted]

He added that he believes in changing those in power by
Democratic processes and is apposed to violence or the
overthrow of the Government by any means.

[redacted] stated that he considers himself an
independent thinker and [redacted]

Further that he has [redacted]

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Approved: [signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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He also pointed out that he has [redacted] and
[redacted] other quotations that appeal to him.

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[redacted] stated he considered GALE dangerous and is afraid he will hurt the [redacted] if his activities are not curtailed. He added that he wants to help the FBI in this matter, is not afraid for his personal safety and realizes that further contact with GALE must be of his own choosing.

[redacted] furnished descriptive information concerning himself which is set forth as follows:

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Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Home address	[redacted] California
Telephone number	[redacted] (not listed)
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted] California
Height	[redacted]
Weight	[redacted]
Hair	[redacted] wavy brown
Eyes	[redacted]
Build	[redacted]
Complexion	[redacted]
Education	[redacted]
Occupation	[redacted]
Marital status	[redacted]
Arrest record	None. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that shortly after his graduation
in [redacted] he went to work for [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had worked for approximately
[redacted]

A search of the indices of the Los Angeles Office
reflects no information identifiable with [redacted]

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On 6/7/63, IC GERALD A. BOSWELL caused a check
to be made of the records of the Retail Merchant's Credit
Association and found that [redacted] formerly resided at
[redacted] California. [redacted]
[redacted] California, and [redacted]
[redacted] California. [redacted]

This record shows that [redacted]
[redacted]

Other information in the files of the Credit
Association substantiates the information furnished by
[redacted] during the interview.

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On 6/7/63, IC LOUIS T. SCHAAF, JR. caused a check
to be made of the records and identification division of the
Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's
Office without finding a record identifiable with [redacted]

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[redacted] stated his objective in contacting the FBI was to offer his services and that he was willing to work with this office in developing information concerning GALE and any organization with which he might be associating, if the FBI so desired. [redacted] stated he did not anticipate that it would be necessary for him to receive any compensation for his services and added that he was willing to spend any reasonable amount in developing information.

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The first source referred to in the letter head memo is [redacted]. The second source referred to is [redacted].

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[redacted] Los Angeles, California, and the information attributed to him is filed in Los Angeles file [redacted].

LEAD:

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will follow efforts of LA FLEUR to develop additional information concerning GALE's plan of assassination.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
June 7, 1963

WILLIAM POTTER GALE

On June 6, 1963, a source with whom contact has been insufficient to judge his reliability advised he is a conservative along most lines and more specifically concerning his political philosophy. He added that because of his political beliefs, he has become associated with various political candidates and organizations and has made financial contributions to candidates and causes sympathetic with his own beliefs.

Source stated that [REDACTED]

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some of his associates had suggested he talk with a man by the name of William Gale. After discussing this matter with his associates [REDACTED] occasions, a meeting was arranged for source to talk to Gale at [REDACTED] California, on [REDACTED] Source stated he arrived at the [REDACTED] and immediately after being introduced, Gale gave what he believed to have been a prepared speech which was to the effect that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source stated that the argument advanced by Gale sounded exactly the same as the theory advocated by Adolf Hitler during his rise to power in Germany. Source stated his reaction was to get angry that anyone would subject him to such a lecture and expect him to believe such arguments but as he listened to Gale he became convinced that Gale is a well educated man who believes what he was saying, and is capable of convincing others that he has a proper line of reasoning. In this connection source stated it is his observation that most people have prejudices and when they find a man like Gale who claims to be a minister, has many facts which he can relate fluently and in a convincing manner, that many people are inclined to use the apparent respectability of such a person and his religion to justify their prejudices.

Source stated Gale implied that he is a small part of a large organization. Gale impresses him as a very dedicated person who ~~seems~~ fanatical concerning the Jewish menace and is very compelling in his arguments.

Source stated Gale told him [REDACTED]

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Source stated that at one point he became angry
with Gale [redacted]

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[redacted] Source advised he got the impression that Gale would
have made the same speech over a television station if he had
had the opportunity but probably would not have advocated the
[redacted] in a public speech. Gale stated
he had been on a tour and source gathered from this statement
that he meant he had been giving this same speech to groups
of people and, because of the facts and figures that he had at
his command, it appeared Gale had given this talk on many
occasions.

Source advised that during the course of this con-
versation [redacted]

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Source stated their conversation lasted about [redacted]
[redacted] he left Gale on friendly terms and Gale apparently
was under the impression that source would contact him at a
later date.

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Source stated that a few days after this meeting
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Source stated he became so convinced of Gale's
sincerity that he wanted to gain Gale's confidence in order
to develop additional information because he considers Gale a
real menace and a person dedicated to the proposition that the
Jews are the source of all evil. He stated the only person
mentioned by Gale was an individual by the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] Source claimed he could not recall
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the exact statement made by Gale because at that point he considered his argument so ridiculous that he was not really interested in Gale's statements or what he was saying.

Source stated Gale told him he had served as a Guerrilla in the Philippine Islands during World War II and

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Source stated that upon reflecting on the matter

Source was asked if there was any indication that there was a plan to assassinate the President or Vice President of the United States or members of their family and he stated that he did not get such an impression during the conversation with Gale.

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Source stated that because of the ground work he feels he is in a position to recontact Gale and is willing to do so in an effort to develop information that curtail the operations of an organization which he feels is detrimental to the United States.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past reported that on May 3, 1963, Colonel William Gale, retired army officer, made a talk at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood, California, which he stated as follows:

"We have been TALKING TOO LONG AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ANY MORE. WE WANT 100 PEOPLE WHO WILL GIVE US \$1,000 a piece, we'll do the rest. THIS JOB IS GOING TO BE DONE NOW. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, YOU ARE TOO STUPID TO HEAR MY MESSAGE. THIS IS A FIGHTING MINISTRY. WE WILL DESTROY OUR ENEMY. THE JEW. THEY HAVE GOT TO GET OUT OF OUR WAY. Anyone who does not name the enemy as the Jew WILL NOT GET ANY SUPPORT FROM ME. SEND YOUR DOLLARS TO BOX 911, Lancaster."

This same source stated that Gale was introduced at this meeting by Wesley Swift who is the minister of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christain. Gale is an assistant minister of this church.

The "Herald Express", Los Angeles, California, in their issue of September 23, 1957, carried an article which related in substance that William Potter Gale was running as a candidate for Governor of the State of California for the Constitution Party.

Gale is a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel with an army medical history of treatment for psycho-neurosis.

Gale is described as follows:

Name	William Potter Gale
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Born	November 20, 1916 at St. Paul, Minnesota
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Separated

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-new)(P)

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

Agency C-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles and Miami dated 6/10/63, and Miami airtel to Los Angeles dated 6/14/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a Letterhead Memo dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Los Angeles, with information copies for Birmingham, Little Rock, Mobile and New Orleans.

The source used in the Letterhead Memo is [redacted] formerly [redacted] who obtained the tape recording from [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
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RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available on June 22, 1963, a tape recorded speech recently made by WILLIAM P. GALE of Los Angeles, California. His speech is quoted as follows:

"Thank you, and good evening ladies and gentlemen. I don't have too much to report, but what I have I'm going to say as a clergyman and also as a military officer of the United States, because the Constitution of the United States is being violated, and I'm under oath to uphold, defend and preserve that constitution against all enemies whomsoever, both foreign or domestic, and that is exactly what I'm going to do, and there are a lot of other military men who are going to do the same thing. But, you probably read a book, some of you, that ah, they are going to probably propagandize with a picture as fast as possible which is a factious story about some military take-over of the United States....ah, this is to destroy the reputation, the faith of the people in the military, and this book, I've forgotten the name of it at the moment, I think it is the 'Seventh Day in May' or something like that. Now they are going to try and propagandize you with that. Now there is not going to be a military coup in this country. But I can report to you and I'll give you some background because it is important to come up to this Alabama situation. We have the Arkansas situation where Mr. EISENHOWER committed a felony by using Federal Troops as a police force in a State. This is a felony. Section 1385 of Title 18 of the United States Code says whoever uses the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus, which means a

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police force or otherwise to execute the laws, shall be fined ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned three years, or both. The felony.

"Now, Mississippi incident another felony was committed by another President. The Armed Forces of the United States were again used as a police force in a State, without the request of the Governor or the legislature of the State as provided in Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution. This is a violation of an oath of office. It's a felony. Now, in Mississippi, as well as in Arkansas, and now in Alabama, these felonies have been committed again the second time by a President of the United States, by the same President. Now, what does this mean? You get in the newspapers and on your newscasts on the radio and television that Mr. KENNEDY used Section 333 of Title 10 of United States Code which says he can use the military forces but that law is irrelevant it's void and it's not valid in this instance, that statute isn't, because it provides for a certain condition to enforce certain laws and there were no laws being enforced. A law is an act of the legislature. There was no act of any legislature being forced in Alabama, or in Mississippi, or in Arkansas. These, ah, the President says, that these, and the newspapers tell you, that the laws he's enforcing are the orders of courts. In other words, they are trying to tell you that an order of a court is a law. The courts have been given no power under the constitution to make any law. The judiciary is given the power to rule on a case at law, and that ruling is the law for the case and nothing more. It does not constitute the law of the land. And any congressman or member of the legislature who goes along with this, is talking himself out of a job, because if we submit that courts and judges can make laws we don't need those congressmen back there anymore, so lets bring them home. Not pay them anymore.

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"Now, this has some background, because during the Mississippi conditions certain patriots went to Mississippi. General WALKER went to Mississippi. He was kidnapped. He wasn't arrested, he was kidnapped. There was no order of any court for his arrest, no grand jury indictment. There was no order of any court to commit him to any institution and there was no extradition order signed by the Governor of Mississippi, to remove him from the State. All of these were done, unlawfully and in criminal contempt of the law. So, again, after that incident the FBI were investigating. They investigated me, they asked me whether I was in Mississippi, I said certainly. Was I there to oppose the Armed Forces of the United States, and was I armed to the teeth. I said I had my Bible, which is the word of God, therefore, I was armed to the teeth. (applause) They said was I armed otherwise. I said absolutely. Well, they said, ah, we're concerned with people who would be armed to oppose the Armed Forces. I said I don't oppose the Armed Forces particularly, but I would oppose anybody with my arms who tries to kidnap me, and I want you to remember that. Anytime you try to kidnap me or any of my associates under any of these conditions in the future, we will kill you. (applause) And for the purposes of the tape audiences as well as yourself here tonight, you know PATRICK HENRY once said 'give me liberty or give me death'. Well, I have a great Navy Admiral, who is a friend of mine and he's very outspoken and I'll say it exactly the way he says it. He says 'the hell with give me liberty or give me death, give me liberty or we'll give you death'. (applause) So, the second time I was visited before this Alabama situation, not this time by the FBI, but by the Secret Service. They must have been worried because they are supposed to protect the President, and I understood he was coming out this way. But they weren't so worried about me, apparently they were worried about a man by the name of

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"Dr. SWIFT. Now there were a lot of lies being told to the FBI about myself, and Dr. SWIFT and all of us in this anti-Communist fight. These lies have been planted by the Jews. They have been trying to set a pattern that we would assassinate the President, so they might possibly do it, and everybody would come to blame us. We are wise to their tricks. So I asked these Secret Service men some questions, and I invited them to come to these meetings. and I hope they do. (applause)

"What we say, we say openly. We have no secrets. What I'm saying tonight, I'm saying openly. And, instead of the propaganda that is going to be put out by this so called picture, trying to make it appear as though there might be a military coup, we want you and all of the tape audience of America to know tonight that there are a few military officers associated with me and we are going to Washington, D. C., and we are going to warn these people who are doing all these things that we hear in the barber shops all over the country that if they don't stop it, they are going to get killed. (applause) We're just worried about them. We're informing them, protect them if possible. Because if they don't stop it, these conditions are getting so bad, that men might, like Senator CAGLE just might not be around for election next year. (applause) So my comment to these Secret Service men, and it will be this all the time when they ask me where I stand in relation to this Federal Government, my answer is this: I support the Federal Government of the United States, that is a constitution republic, upholding the constitution of the United States, but if that Federal Government you're talking about for me to support is a Communist Government, I'll fight it to the death. (applause) And they asked me if I thought it was going Communist, and I said it has already gone. (applause)

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"Now we come to Alabama. Again this violation of the constitution. The Constitution of the United States gives Congress the power to bring the militia of several states into the service of the United States. The Constitution of the United States does not give the executive branch such power. No President has any power to order the Military Forces of a State into Federal service. It is a violation of the constitution. Therefore, there again is a felony and a violation of an oath of office. Every Governor in this State, including the Governor of Alabama has the power to declare ~~Marshall~~ ^{Militia} law, and he is the only one who has power to declare ~~Marshall~~ ^{Militia} law. He is the only military officer involved. The President of the United States is a civilian. He has been given a title if you read the records of the Continental Congress you find this very clear. The President has been given a title as Commander and Chief of the Army and the Navy, and it is a title and not a rank. The title has no military authority, no more than the Kentucky Colonels, unless, and until Congress declares war, the purpose of that title is to maintain civilian control over the military, he is not a military officer, he is a civilian and he has no military power unless, and until Congress declares war.

"Every Governor was a military officer of his State, he was the commander of a States Militia before we ever had a union known as the United States of America and before we ever had a President of the United States. That Governor still retains that military power and can employ it, and is the only one who has the power to declare ~~Marshall~~ ^{Militia} law in his State. Therefore I was urging Governor WALLACE of Alabama, to declare ~~Marshall~~ ^{Militia} law the moment that Jew KATZENBACH came in front of him and said 'I now declare ~~Marshall~~ ^{Militia} law, you and these niggers are under arrest, take them to jail.' (applause) This he could have done, lawfully

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"and with full power, but Governor WALLACE didn't want to do that. Now I'm repeating some of this because Governor WALLACE is now on our tape program. He is receiving these tapes. And if the enemy doesn't like it he can lump it, because he will receive information in these tapes. Now he had a telegram from a judge that said if he went up there to stop those Negroes from going to school that he would receive many years in jail. This was a threat that was sent to him the night before he left. They were threatening him with jail terms if he violated the court order. He violated it. He told me why, and why he didn't declare ~~Marshal~~ ^{Martial} law. He said 'I want to prove to the American people that there is a military dictatorship in Washington, D. C. now', and I believe he proved it. (applause) Of course he didn't have to prove it to a lot of us we already knew it. But, there were a lot who did not know it. Oh, there is another thing I want to go out over this tape audience all over the country, and for you to think about too. This Jew KATZENBACH, stood in front of him and said that these Negroes had the right to go to school. This is another lie. There is nothing in the Constitution of the United States that give anybody, white, black, yellow, green, purple or regardless of what color they are any right to an education. The education you receive is a privilege, it is granted by the State and the local community. It is not a constitutional right, and again there is no such a thing as a civil right. It's a phrase claimed by the Communists again and has been put in your newspapers, you've been constantly told of it these civil rights. There are no civil rights mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. There are Constitutional Rights, no such a thing as civil rights. So, lets get some of these terms straight. I can tell you from contact, that Southerners are waking up and the Southerners now know that the Jew is behind Communism. (applause) In fact they are not going to take very much of this Jew inspired Communism any longer. And, there may be a possibility that these egg-heads have the nerve to attempt to arrest Governor WALLACE for his

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"so called violation of a court order which he tested and had the right to test, and if they do, and I don't care who is listening to this, I will call now for hard core all over the United States of America to get ready and we will go there to defend Governor WALLACE and don't try to stop us, cause we'll shoot our way through if we have to. (applause)

"We will not be kidnapped. Now I heard some good stories, I always learn something when I go to the South. I learned to say one thing 'come along' 'come along', I can't get it quite right. But, I also learned there was a Negro who went out and robbed a bank in the daytime, and when they caught him they said why do you commit your robberies in the daytime, he had committed several. He said 'you don't think I'm going out in that nigger area during the night, I'll get robbed'. These are the conditions there. Governor WALLACE knows the score. He can declare Marshal law at any time and he knows it, he may if he has to. He says they'll disregard it and they'll go to court and everything. I told him don't worry about that, because when you declare Marshal law, there are no more courts, you are the law, and if a judge issues an order against you, I said have them arrested and issue an order for his court-martial. (applause) So he said I've lost my National Guard, they Federalized it. I said they did that unlawfully they had no power to do it, you issue an order to all your National Guard officers that they are under your command, they are not Federalized, they will receive no orders from Washington, D. C., from the Defense Department or from anyone but you as the Commander and Chief of this National Guard. He said well maybe they won't obey me. I said well I'm an Army officer and I'll volunteer to go give them these instructions and I'll guarantee they'll do it. (applause) And I want those in the South and those here who might have a future example or a future experience to know, that when a Governor declares ~~Marshal~~ ^{MARSHAL} law there is no more civil law, no more courts, unless he establishes a military

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"court and he can arrest anyone, whether it be United States Army, whether it be a Federal Judge, whether it be Mr. KATZENBACH, BOBBY KENNEDY, or anyone else that comes into his State to violate the law. (applause) The law for the State of Alabama is the law which was enacted by the legislature of Alabama. It is not the opinion of any court. And they might as well learn it. We are hoping they do try to arrest the Governor of Alabama, and I put this call out now to all hard core patriots of America, get ready now, because if they do, we are going to go, move. Move from everywhere. (applause) And the Governor has also said that if they arrest him he is going to put out a call for a quarter of a million people to come to fight for him and to help him. His mail was heavy. He showed me a whole room full of mail, and a terrific amount was from California. And we want some more to go to let Governor WALLACE know that we support him in his stand. (applause)

"This is not political, this is a question, is the Constitution of the United States still the Constitution apparently not. They have given and JESUS said by their work He shall know them, they have given us a clear concise example and a promise, they have done it, they have violated the Constitution and they look like they are going to continue to do it. So, I can assure you that besides these other actions to defend the Governor of a State who will uphold the Constitution, there will be some activity directed towards Washington, D. C., to warn these people what might happen to them, because we're hearing all over, and this warning will be given by an Admiral of the United States Navy, a General of the United States Marine Corps, a General of the United States Air Force, and Colonel of the United States Army, and it will be given to those people in Washington, D. C. straight from the shoulder. (applause)

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"Keep up the support of this tape program it's terrific, it's waking them up all over America. You'd be surprised how many people came to where I was in Alabama, they were Dr. SWIFT's tape groups from all over the South, and it's waking them up to thus saith the Lord and that has been the big problem all over the country, the problem has been, the pulpits, the preachers, have not been preaching not thus saith the Lord, they have been preaching integration social gospel, they don't know their scriptures, they are telling the people that CHRIST was a Jew and the Jews are GOD's chosen people. When I quote John:8 'JESUS called the Jews the children of the devil' if he were a Jew, he would be one of the devil's children then, and they scratch their heads and can't figure it out. So you see this is the truth, the truth is going out on Dr. SWIFT on the scriptures, the theological truth, this is what's strengthening America. So lets support it, get it out, and if I haven't covered some things that happened in Alabama, you know that the general program of the Governor was not to do what I wanted to do, cause for me the third times a charm and that was the first time. But for him, he had another job and he did it. I think he accomplished it. That was to stand in the door to show you that the Constitution of the United States has been destroyed from Washington, D. C., and that a military dictatorship does exist. It does, it's there, don't kid yourself. So as Dr. SWIFT says, get yourself equipped to fight (not audible) and I can assure you that we are going to fight it, cause JESUS said to PILATE in that day mine will fight for me, so let those are enemy and getting reports from this audience and this microphone know we are going to fight and we will. (applause)"

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		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

The title of this case is marked changed to set forth the names by which GALE is referred to by the sources shown in this report.

REFERENCES: Airtel from Bureau to Los Angeles and Miami dated 6/10/63.
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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information furnished by the Miami Office concerning the "Council For Statehood" is not being mentioned in this report because there is no way at this time of associating GALE with this group.

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Information set forth in this report concerning
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was furnished by [redacted]
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The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit of the U. S. Treasury Department was notified by letter of the information concerning PENGLEY allegedly having a machine gun in his possession.

~~This report is classified confidential because information reported from LA T-2 through LA T-7, LA T-9, LA T-10, and LA T-11 could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and jeopardize the future effectiveness thereof.~~

For the benefit of offices not receiving first referenced communication from the Bureau, it directed Los Angeles to initiate investigation concerning WILLIAM POTTER GALE. It was added that this investigation should be most thorough in developing background information concerning him, his associates, contacts and friends, and that consideration should be given to the [redacted]
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[redacted] referred to as LA T-8 in this report, was interviewed at the Los Angeles Office by SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN. He stated [redacted] who suggested he contact this office.

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Copies of this report are being furnished Mobile and Birmingham for information because of the interest of those offices in the activities of GALE in Alabama as it pertains to his appearance there in April and because of the information furnished by informants of the Mobile Office.

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MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will furnish the Los Angeles Office any information indicating subject of this investigation is connected with an organization or movement for the collection of money or the formulation of plans to implement [redacted]

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TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA: (1) Will furnish Los Angeles all information pertaining to GALE which indicated he may be associated with such a movement as described in this report.

(2) Refer to Tampa file 157-312, letter from Tampa to the Bureau dated 8/15/61, and furnish pertinent information pertaining to OREN FENTON POTITO, aka Wesley Swift, and the California Rangers.

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will furnish Los Angeles information pertaining to BURTON COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield, and specifically any information indicating he is mailing propaganda in accordance with the information furnished by informant, LA T-1.

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LOS ANGELES

AT TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will report information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning GALE and his [REDACTED]

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(2) Will consider the advisability of monitoring bank accounts of GALE that may be determined to exist during the course of this investigation.

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Title: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U. S. Army, employed as manager of Wadell and Reed, a securities firm, Los Angeles, California, and serving as an assistant minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, under Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, is reported to have made recent contact with [redacted] California. [redacted]

[redacted] On or about 3/28/60 GALE was reported to have been organizing the California Rangers to develop 20,000 fully armed and trained men who could be put into the streets of Los Angeles within six hours after an emergency. As of about 6/20/63, the California Rangers were reported to be active in the Los Angeles area; and [redacted] who claimed to be a member, was observed in possession of a Thompson sub-machine gun with ammunition. [redacted]

[redacted] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. GALE is not known to have been associated with the California Rangers recently. GALE went to Jackson, Mississippi, at the time of the trouble over the desegregation of the University of Mississippi and later made contacts in Alabama during the time of racial strife in that state.

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Statements of GALE indicating a militant attitude set forth. [redacted] advised she considers him loyal to the United States and possibly a person who talks too much. GALE's [redacted] examined without determining significant information. [redacted] advised [redacted] associated with GERALD L. K. SMITH.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was instituted based on information received to the effect WILLIAM POTTER GALE recently made a [redacted]

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[redacted] Details concerning this allegation are set forth below:

BACKGROUND

TRUE NAME AND ALIASES

When interviewed in December, 1962, GALE advised that his full name is WILLIAM POTTER GALE but that he ordinarily uses the name WILLIAM P. GALE. He also stated that he was retired from the U. S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is sometimes referred to by one or both of these titles.

RESIDENCE

On July 3, 1963, [redacted]

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[redacted] had purchased a home in Lancaster, California, address unknown. She was not sure where he was living at that time but if not in Lancaster, she thought he would be living with [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

GALE formerly lived at 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, California, according to [redacted] and according to the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, at 21137 South Figueroa Street, Torrance, California.

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EMPLOYMENT

The records of the Credit Association show GALE as a retired Army officer and an engineer for North American Aviation, Canoga Park, California.

When interviewed in December, 1962, GALE stated he was manager for the securities firm of Wadell and Reed. He also stated he is Assistant Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian.

GALE gave the address of the securities office where he is employed as 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 276-2073, and the address of the church where he is Assistant Pastor as 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

At the time of interview in December, 1962, GALE stated he was born November 20, 1916, at St. Paul, Minnesota. This information was verified through GALE's military service record.

MILITARY RECORD

A review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by IC NOEL L. BAKER on January 4, 1963, for WILLIAM POTTER GALE indicated that he had military service in the United States National Guard of California from August 8, 1932 to November 12, 1934, State National Guard; from November 15, 1934 to June 4, 1937, Federal National Guard; from November 1, 1937 to September 10, 1938, State National Guard; and from January 22, 1941 to March 2, 1941, State National Guard.

He was appointed and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States National Guard of California on March 3, 1941, under serial number O 416 089 and entered on active duty on the same date at Los Angeles, California. He was honorably retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 30, 1950, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, due to a permanent

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disability diagnosed as "... hepatitis, chronic, moderate, cause undetermined...." and placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List. His appointment in the U. S. Army Reserves was terminated on April 1, 1953 by operation of law. The service records indicated that he was appointed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, Officers' Reserve Corps on June 25, 1947 and accepted this appointment on June 26, 1947.

The records further contained a Disposition Board Proceedings For Officers dated February 14, 1949 at the Mc Cornack General Hospital, Pasadena 2, California which indicated that ".... He was evacuated to the US in April, 1944, and sent to Letterman General Hospital where on 13 April 1944, a diagnosis of psychoneurosis, anxiety state, moderately severe, manifested by abdominal pain, indigestion, weakness, insomnia and fatigue, cause undetermined, was made...."

The records contained an efficiency folder for GALE which revealed a newspaper clipping from the Los Angeles Times dated July 11, 1960 which indicated that WILLIAM P. GALE, of 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, California led a parade in support of ORVAL FAUBUS, governor of Arkansas for President.

On July 3, 1963, JOSEPHINE C. GALE, former wife of WILLIAM POTTER GALE, advised her former husband belonged to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD

On June 19, 1963, IC PHILIP S. ANDRIST checked the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Traffic Division for a record for GALE without finding a record identifiable with him.

On June 18, 1963, IC LOUIS T. SCHAAF, JR. caused a check to be made of the Records and Identification Divisions of the LAPD and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) without finding a record identifiable with GALE.

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MARITAL STATUS

B. APPROX [REDACTED]

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MRS. On June 21, 1963, IC ANDRIST determined from the Los Angeles County Superior Court records, Docket No. D-621923, that WILLIAM P. GALE filed a complaint for divorce against JOSEPHINE C. GALE, nee Dvornich. This complaint shows they were married June 7, 1937, at Los Angeles, California, and separated December 4, 1962. Their children were listed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The complaint alleged that for the last several years defendant has treated plaintiff with extreme cruelty. The attorney for WILLIAM P. GALE is shown as BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 312 Orpheum Building, San Diego, California.

The court record reflects that an interlocutory judgment was entered by default on January 30, 1963, whereby the defendant was awarded custody of a minor child, [REDACTED] and plaintiff was ordered to pay \$50.00 per month support for this child.

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ACTIVITIES

On June 6, 1963, LA T-1 advised he is a conservative along most lines and more specifically concerning his political philosophy. He added that because of his political beliefs, he has become associated with various political candidates and organizations and has made financial contributions to candidates and causes sympathetic with his own beliefs.

LA T-1 stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] some of his associates had suggested he talk with a man by the name of WILLIAM GALE. After discussing this matter with his associates on [REDACTED] a meeting was arranged for source to talk to GALE at [REDACTED] California, on [REDACTED]

LA T-1 stated he arrived at [REDACTED] and immediately after being introduced, GALE gave what he believed to have been a prepared speech which was to the

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LA T-1 stated that the argument advanced by GALE sounded exactly the same as the theory advocated by ADOLF HITLER during his rise to power in Germany. LA T-1 stated his reaction was to get angry that anyone would subject him to such a lecture and expect him to believe such arguments but as he listened to GALE he became convinced that GALE is a well educated man who believes what he was saying, and is capable of convincing others that he has a proper line of reasoning. In this connection LA T-1 stated that it is his observation that most people have prejudices and when they find a man like GALE who claims to be a minister, has many facts which he can relate fluently and in a convincing manner, that many people are inclined to use the apparent respectability of such a person and his religion to justify their prejudices.

LA T-1 stated GALE implied that he is a small part of a large organization. GALE impresses him as a very dedicated person who seems fanatical concerning the Jewish menace and is very compelling in his arguments.

LA T-1 stated GALE

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[REDACTED]
GALE's purpose to convince LA T-1 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GALE intimated that the

[REDACTED] LA T-1 or his associates.

LA T-1 stated that at one point he became angry
with GALE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
LA T-1. LA T-1 advised he got the impression that GALE would have made the same speech over a television station if he had had the opportunity but probably would not have advocated the [REDACTED] in a public speech. GALE stated he had been on a tour and LA T-1 gathered from this statement that he meant he had been giving this same speech to groups of people and, because of the facts and figures that he had at his command, it appeared GALE had given this talk on many occasions.

LA T-1 stated he got the impression that the organization, name unknown, vaguely referred to by GALE, is located in the Southern part of the United States, place unknown.

LA T-1 advised that during the course of this conversation the fact that [REDACTED] was a subject of discussion and GALE suggested [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
LA T-1 stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he left GALE on friendly terms and GALE apparently was under the impression [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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LA T-1 stated that [REDACTED]

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LA T-1 stated he became so convinced of GALE's sincerity that he wanted to gain GALE's confidence in order to develop additional information because he considers GALE a real menace and a person dedicated to the proposition that the Jews are the source of all evil. He stated the only person mentioned by GALE was an individual by the name of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA T-1 claimed he could not recall the exact statement made by GALE because at that point he considered his argument so ridiculous that he was not really interested in GALE's statements or what he was saying.

LA T-1 stated GALE told him [REDACTED]

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LA T-1 stated that upon reflecting on the matter [REDACTED]

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LA T-1 was asked if there was any indication that there was a plan to assassinate the President or Vice President of the United States or members of their family and he stated that he did not get such an impression during the conversation with GALE.

LA T-1 stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA T-1 pointed out that [REDACTED]

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LA T-1 stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA T-1 stated that because of the ground work, he feels he is in a position to recontact GALE and is willing to do so in an effort to develop information that will curtail the operations of an organization which he feels is detrimental to the United States.

On June 13, 1963, LA T-1 was recontacted to determine if there had been developments concerning his contact with GALE. He stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA T-1 stated it was not clear in his mind whether this person had been in contact with GALE but because there was no specific reference made to such a contact he assumed there had been no such contact. LA T-1 stated that this person subsequently furnished him the name of [REDACTED]

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LA T-1 stated [REDACTED] concerning this matter but had not received a reply from him. The person furnishing LA T-1 the name of [REDACTED] also told LA T-1 [REDACTED]

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On June 17, 1963, LA T-1 advised he had not made additional contacts with GALE and when he developed additional information, he would contact this office.

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Pertinent information which appears to pertain to WILLIAM POTTER GALE in the possession of the Los Angeles Office is summarized below:

On August 4, 1955, Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, informed SA WILLIAM G. CARPENTER that he was organizing a group known as "For America, Inc.," CALIF. to teach Americanism as opposed to Communism.

On August 2, 1957, WILLIAM P. GALE, 8336 Beverly Boulevard, Hollywood, complained to SA WALTER T. GRAY that someone, in an apparent effort to discredit the Constitution Party of California, of which he was Chairman, had sent each person on the party's mailing list some anti-Semitic literature.

The "Los Angeles Herald Express" newspaper dated September 23, 1957, contained an article, "Constitution Party Announces California's Slate," which stated Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE's candidacy for Governor of California on the slate of the Constitution Party of the United States had been announced. The article identified GALE as a retired army officer who had served on General MAC ARTHUR's staff in World War II, organizing guerrilla fighters in the Philippines, and as State Chairman of the Constitution Party of California.

On October 10, 1957, [REDACTED] of the Constitution Party, furnished information to SA MARCUS M. BRIGHT that the Constitution Party was not a political party as such at that time, but did intend to qualify as such under the election laws of California in the near future. He said it was headed by Colonel WILLIAM GALE, USA, (Retired).

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On January 2, 1958, WILLIAM POTTER GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, personally informed SA THOMAS W. CRAWFORD that he had appeared on the Tom Duggan TV Show on November 28, 1957, when, he suspected, he incurred the enmity of the Jewish element as a result of DUGGAN's misidentification of GALE and the Constitution Party with GERALD L. K. SMITH. He said he had, in fact, never met SMITH and only once heard him speak. He furnished a copy of the Constitution Party's platform and

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a printed letter dated November 1, 1957, which he said had been sent to each of the Congressmen from California enclosing an "Indictment for High Crimes and Misdemeanors," signed by GALE, wherein the Constitution Party of California "indicted" President EISENHOWER, et al, in connection with the recent troubles in Arkansas. The letter to the Congressmen urged them to bring impeachment proceedings against the President for his allegedly unconstitutional actions.

On February 21, 1958, WILLIAM P. GALE, 408 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, made available to this office a copy of the Rules and Regulations for Clubs similar to those of the two major political parties, which the Constitution Party planned to set up. He simultaneously furnished a cover letter addressed to him by one [REDACTED]

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LA T-2, another Governmental Agency which conducts intelligence investigations, on February 25, 1958, forwarded information to the effect that Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, USA (Retired), 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood 28, California (HO 7-7642), complained to that agency on February 21, 1958, that he had been employed for 17 months in the Industrial Planning Section of Rocketdyne Division of North American Aviation Company until August, 1957, when he was discharged, he believed, for "political reasons," influenced by "subversive elements" opposed to his adamant stand against Communism, although ostensibly his dismissal was based on the cancellation of the contract in which his work was involved. He also claimed he had severed his connection with the "New Constitution Party" of which he had been State Chairman until some three months before. His interviewer commented that GALE gave no indication of being a "fanatic," was calm, coherent, and logical.

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On April 16, 1958, [redacted] informed SA FREDERICK G. TILLMAN that GALE's allegations were unfounded. He described GALE as an "eccentric" with a feeling of superiority, believing everyone but himself a Communist. He said GALE had been stopped at the plant gate to prevent his bringing "right wing" literature into the plant.

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On October 20, 1958, an anonymous woman telephoned the Los Angeles Office to advise that SAN JACINTO CAPP, Campaign Manager for Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, write-in candidate for Governor on the Constitution Party ticket, was, according to a woman, formerly associated with the Ku Klux Klan some years ago.

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LA T-3, [redacted]

[redacted] on October 30, 1958, advised that he had attended a meeting of [redacted] supposedly connected with the Constitution Party of California and [redacted] in San Diego on [redacted]. At this meeting plans were made to establish [redacted]

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[redacted] He said that WILLIAM P. GALE "seemed" to be the leader of the group on the state level, according to information furnished [redacted]

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[redacted] On October 27, 1958, this same source claimed [redacted]. Again, on November 14, 1958, he claimed [redacted] section" had been dropped and later that it had ceased to exist altogether.

According to the information furnished by LA T-3, the [redacted]

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[redacted] and, while his information is not clear on this point, was apparently local to San Diego, despite the "seeming" connection of GALE with it on the "state level," which may have been only a reference to GALE's connection with the Constitution Party on a state level.

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LA T-3 reported that he learned from WILLIAM P. GALE in December, 1958, that GALE is one of the founders of the Christian Defense League (CDL), the purpose of which is to obtain information concerning the Anti-Defamation League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to develop information of a so-called "Jewish plot" to overthrow the Government and to turn such information over to the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to organize boycotts against Jewish business.

According to LA T-3, GALE [REDACTED]

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mentioned by LA T-3 in connection with the meetings in San Diego, California, in [REDACTED]

LA T-3 further stated that GALE attended meetings led by COMPARET in San Diego, at which Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT was speaker.

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DR. WESLEY A. SWIFT
When SWIFT was interviewed on January 22, 1959, he said that he spoke regularly (at COMPARET's meetings) in San Diego, but described them as meetings connected with COMPARET's Christian Church congregation, of which denomination COMPARET is an ordained minister.

LA T-3 stated that COMPARET's "Anglo-American Bible Study Group" is an affiliate of GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian Nationalist Crusade (see appendix).

On March 28, 1960, LA T-4 furnished information received from an individual concerning the California Rangers. WILLIAM P. GALE described as part of the WESLEY SWIFT crowd, is reported [REDACTED] a group known as the California Rangers. GALE is reported to have stated the purpose of the organization was to develop 20,000 fully armed and trained men who could be put into the streets of Los Angeles within six hours after an emergency. GALE pointed out the Negro Muslim movement to show the need for an organization such as the Rangers. They were also to be

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activated as an emergency corps in the event that the Jews stir up the Negroes in Los Angeles. (See appendix for characterization of Nation of Islam, the Muslim movement).

According to this last mentioned source, GALE works in the office with a man by the name of [REDACTED] and GALE is reported to drive a Porsche car and carried a gun between the front seats. A retired U. S. Army officer B. APPROX 1903 by the name of Colonel GREER, first name not given, described as being about 60 years old, 5'8", 140 pounds, with gray hair, is reported to have been associated with GALE. It was pointed out that Colonel GREER should be distinguished from a man by the name of GREER who sets up recording equipment at the Swift meetings. CALII

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LA T-4 reported that [REDACTED]

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is a hard worker in the "KKK" and travels to the Southern States in company with [REDACTED] California. Neither [REDACTED] were gainfully employed and source reported that they appear to receive their funds from SWIFT and GERALD L. K. SMITH. See appendix page for "CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE" for characterization of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

LA T-4 furnished information reflecting that an organization by the name of Christian Defense League, Post Office Box 2868, Los Angeles 28, California, started in September, 1959, and was organized to provide legal aid to white Christians who were discriminated against. Attorney COMPARET, San Diego, California, was reported as the head of this organization.

LA T-4 also reported that an organization known as the California Rangers was created by [REDACTED] California, in 1958, as an offshoot of the Canoga Cavaliers, a mounted horseman's group and social club. This group has no connection with the California Rangers started by GALE.

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On November 13, 1962, Sergeant [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, Miami Police Department, Miami, Florida, made available a tape recorded speech believed to have been made in California, October 12, 1962. The speech was made by Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE and pertinent portions of the speech are set forth as follows:

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"I wanna first thank those people who helped make it possible for a hard core group to go to Mississippi. I wanna tell you its been a hard core. We didn't need too many for the type of men we have. When Armed Forces move into Sovereign States as in Arkansas and as in Mississippi, I consider it as an act of war and I figured as such and we went into Mississippi feeling it as such. I don't care if they know it, we were armed to the teeth and my instructions and the instructions of the men that were with me were to shoot dead the first man that tried to capture me, and those will be the instructions if we have to go again, (Applaud). I am very sorry that General WALKER, having been recently out of the Military Service, didn't quite understand the enemy and he went into their camp with some little old remnant tennis shoes and all due respect to them, but that wasn't the condition under which these times can operate. This was an armed camp in Mississippi, there was no law. If you go in expecting the law to be obeyed under these conditions you are a fool.... This was a question of whether we were going to have a Military Dictatorship in America and on these questions we went armed and on these questions we will continue to go armed and there are 50,000 klansmen in Alabama waiting right now. (A) Louisiana is over 50,000 organizing there. Georgia probably 100,000. These birds might as well get it straight that they're not going to take over this country that way if we have to shoot and die to stop them. (A). What we say we say openly. If there is anyone who wants to pass it to them, let them do it. Opposition to tyranny is obedience to God, and we are going to obey God...."

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On December 27, 1962, WILLIAM POTTER GALE was interviewed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office concerning his trip to Mississippi. He advised he is retired from the U. S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Infantry because of a physical disability, Army Serial No. 0416089. At that time he was manager of the office for a security firm doing business as Wadell and Redd, 9301 Wilshire Boulevard. He stated he is an ordained minister and serves as Assistant Pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he is assistant to Dr. WESLEY SWIFT.

At the time of the interview, GALE stated he had planned a trip to Florida, via Mississippi, and that his plans became known to a number of people and that several asked to go with him. He stated that RICHARD BUTLER, who was associated with the campaign of JOHN ROUSSELDT for re-election to the United States House of Representatives, asked to accompany him. GALE advised they traveled in his Porsche automobile and that they went to Jackson, not Oxford, Mississippi, as indicated in the recording mentioned above. GALE stated he did not see any rioting in Jackson, Mississippi, and did not witness any assaults. He stated he did not know anyone who went to Oxford, Mississippi.

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GALE stated that the church where he is assistant pastor has lectures each Friday night on current events and he was asked to give an account of his observations concerning Mississippi. He stated that he delivered a sermon concerning this subject, but does not recall saying "We went to Mississippi armed to the teeth." In this regard he stated that he had carried his personally owned hand gun in his car when they went to Mississippi, but did not have any other firearms and does not know anyone from the Los Angeles area who went to Mississippi or transported firearms to Mississippi.

GALE stated he is sympathetic to General WALKER's position and feels that he was arrested without justification. He added that if anyone tried to arrest

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him under circumstances similar to those under which WALKER was arrested, that he would have tried to defend himself and there undoubtedly would have been trouble.

Descriptive information obtained from GALE during the interview is set forth as follows:

Name	WILLIAM POTTER GALE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Birth Data	November 20, 1916 at St. Paul, Minnesota
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Separated

On April 18, 1963, LA T-5 and LA T-6 advised in substance that Colonel GAYLE from the Los Angeles area was scheduled to visit Montgomery, Alabama, approximately April 20 to 27, 1963, accompanied by (FNU) BUTLER, described as GALE's Chief Lieutenant. Information furnished to LA T-5 and LA T-6 by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (See Appendix) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (See appendix) to be held on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Alabama, on the night of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also reported to have stated that GAYLE and BUTLER [REDACTED]

At that time it was determined that GAYLE owned a 1962 model Mercedes Benz, four-door sedan, bearing 1963 California license IMR 003.

On May 16, 1963, LA T-7 submitted a written report concerning a talk delivered at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 North La Brea, Hollywood, California, on May 3, 1963,

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by "Colonel WILLIAM GALE, retired army officer." The pertinent portions of the body of the report is set forth below:

"WESLEY SWIFT introduced GALE as 'just coming home from the wars.' GALE said, 'My speeches are always recorded by the FBI or the Anti-Defamation League of B'ani B'rith but I don't care - what I have to say is open and I hope they get the message.'

"GALE talked about the big meeting which was written up in the paper but the paper couldn't identify what kind of meeting it was. He said it was, of course, a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan which was definitely on the rise. GALE said that he is not a member of KKK but that he was delighted to see so many recruits into the Klan that night. GALE then went on to talk about the meeting the following morning with the Governor of Alabama and about being there when BOB KENNEDY came there to speak. There were pickets with such signs as: The 4 K's - Kosher, Kennedy, Kruschev and Kastro - Go Home, and Are You Man or Mouse, Kennedy - Squeak Up. GALE said there were four NSRP members picketing - God Bless Them. And he said that he saw the Jew Mafia there and that they 'had better get out before I come and get you.'

"He went on to tell about the pickets being arrested - these good white Christians - whereas the Negroes who were so violent, were not. Admiral CROMMELIN dared them to arrest him but they didn't. CROMMELIN, however, bailed these good men out with his own money. These men requested a jury trial to be paid for by the State of Ala.

"GALE said the following:

"I am going to head the soldiers of Christ. We are going to fight this enemy - and mention the enemy by name - the Jew! Admiral CROMMELIN is not afraid to mention the enemy, the Jew by name. Our first duty is to Christ and our country. I will sacrifice my

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family and if the FBI doesn't like me heading this fight, it's too bad. The Jews and Proselytes in our government, in our courts, etc. are not going to persecute the white Christians any more - or else I promise they will be visited.... They had better leave town. They are going to have to GO. There are planes and trains leaving America every day. They can take this as a warning. But it's more than a warning it's a promise! We have been TALKING TOO LONG AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ANY MORE. WE WANT 100 PEOPLE WHO WILL GIVE US \$1,000 a piece, we'll do the rest.. THIS JOB IS GOING TO BE DONE NOW. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, YOU ARE TOO STUPID TO HEAR MY MESSAGE. THIS IS A FIGHTING MINISTRY. WE WILL DESTROY OUR ENEMY, THE JEW. THEY HAVE GOT TO GET OUT OF OUR WAY. Anyone who does not name the enemy as the Jew WILL NOT GET ANY SUPPORT FROM ME. SEND YOUR DOLLARS TO BOX 911, Lancaster.' ...

"The Jews are agitating the blacks, these are the ones who will be hit and then the blacks will fall apart. I am giving you WARNING NOW - if they don't LEAVE NOW, THEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT. THIS IS MORE THAN A THREAT....it is a promise. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ARMY OF CHRIST. The military men who are with me - some of them might be deaf and dumb, but they have a real good eye'."

Under date of June 21, 1963, a transcript of a tape recorded speech recently made by WILLIAM P. GALE of Los Angeles, California, was received from LA T-11. This information constitutes GALE's last known public statement concerning his aims and purposes and the transcript is quoted as follows:

"Thank you, and good evening ladies and gentlemen. I don't have too much to report, but what I have I'm going to say as a clergyman and also as a military officer of the United States, because the Constitution of the United States is being violated, and I'm under oath to uphold, defend and preserve that constitution against all enemies whomsoever, both foreign or domestic, and that is

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exactly what I'm going to do, and there are a lot of other military men who are going to do the same thing. But, you probably read a book, some of you, that ah, they are going to probably propagandize with a picture as fast as possible which is a facetious story about some military take-over of the United States....ah, this is to destroy the reputation, the faith of the people in the military, and this book, I've forgotten the name of it at the moment, I think it is the 'Seventh Day in May' or something like that. Now they are going to try and propagandize you with that. Now there is not going to be a military coup in this country. But I can report to you and I'll give you some background because it is important to come up to this Alabama situation. We have the Arkansas situation where Mr. EISENHOWER committed a felony by using Federal Troops as a police force in a State. This is a felony. Section 1385 of Title 18 of the United States Code says whoever uses the Army or the Air Force as a posse comitatus, which means a police force or otherwise to execute the laws, shall be fined ten thousand dollars, or imprisoned three years, or both. The felony.

"Now, Mississippi incident another felony was committed by another President. The Armed Forces of the United States were again used as a police force in a State, without the request of the Governor or the legislature of the State as provided in Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution. This is a violation of an oath of office. It's a felony. Now, in Mississippi, as well as in Arkansas, and now in Alabama, these felonies have been committed again, the second time by a President of the United States, by the same President. Now, what does this mean? You get in the newspapers and on your newscasts on the radio and television that Mr. KENNEDY used Section 333 of Title 10 of the United States Code which says he can use the military forces but that law is irrelevant it's void and it's not valid in this instance, that statute isn't, because it provides for a certain condition to enforce certain

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laws and there were no laws being enforced. A law is an act of the legislature. There was no act of any legislature being forced in Alabama, or in Mississippi, or in Arkansas. These, ah, the President says, that these, and the newspapers tell you, that the laws he's enforcing are the orders of courts. In other words, they are trying to tell you that an order of a court is a law. The courts have been given no power under the constitution to make any law. The judiciary is given the power to rule on a case at law, and that ruling is the law for the case and nothing more. It does not constitute the law of the land. And any congressman or member of the legislature who goes along with this, is talking himself out of a job, because if we submit that courts and judges can make laws we don't need those congressmen back there anymore, so lets bring them home. Not pay them anymore.

"Now, this has some background, because during the Mississippi conditions certain patriots went to Mississippi. General WALKER went to Mississippi. He was kidnapped. He wasn't arrested, he was kidnapped. There was no order of any court for his arrest, no grand jury indictment. There was no order of any court to commit him to any institution and there was no extradition order signed by the Governor of Mississippi, to remove him from the State. All of these were done, unlawfully and in criminal contempt of the law. So, again, after that incident the FBI were investigating. They investigated me, they asked me whether I was in Mississippi, I said certainly. Was I there to oppose the Armed Forces of the United States, and was I armed to the teeth. I said I had my Bible, which is the word of God, therefore, I was armed to the teeth. (applause) They said was I armed otherwise. I said absolutely. Well, they said, ah, we're concerned with people who would be armed to oppose the Armed Forces. I said I don't oppose the Armed Forces particularly, but I would oppose anybody with my arms who tries to kidnap me, and I want you to remember that. Anytime you try to kidnap me or

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any of my associates under any of these conditions in the future, we will kill you. (applause) And for the purposes of the tape audiences as well as yourself here tonight, you know PATRICK HENRY once said 'give me liberty or give me death.' Well, I have a great Navy Admiral, who is a friend of mine and he's very outspoken and I'll say it exactly the way he says it. He says 'the hell with give me liberty or give me death.' (applause) So, the second time I was visited before this Alabama situation, not this time by the FBI, but by the Secret Service. They must have been worried because they are supposed to protect the President, and I understood he was coming out this way. But they weren't so worried about me, apparently they were worried about a man by the name of Dr. SWIFT. Now there were a lot of lies being told to the FBI about myself, and Dr. SWIFT and all of us in this anti-Communist fight. These lies have been planted by the Jews. They have been trying to set a pattern that we would assassinate the President, so they might possibly do it, and everybody would come to blame us. We are wise to their tricks. So I asked these Secret Service men some questions, and I invited them to come to these meetings, and I hope they do. (applause)

"What we say, we say openly. We have no secrets. What I'm saying tonight, I'm saying openly. And, instead of the propaganda that is going to be put out by this so called picture, trying to make it appear as though there might be a military coup, we want you and all of the tape audience of America to know tonight that there are a few military officers associated with me and we are going to Washington, D. C., and we are going to warn these people who are doing all these things that we hear in the barber shops all over the country that if they don't stop it, they are going to get killed. (applause) We're just worried about them. We're informing them, protect them if possible. Because if they don't stop it, these conditions are getting so bad, that men might, like Senator CAGLE just might

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not be around for election next year. (applause)
So my comment to these Secret Service men, and it
will be this all the time when they ask me where
I stand in relation to this Federal Government, my
answer is this: I support the Federal Government
of the United States, that is a constitution
republic, upholding the constitution of the United
States, but if that Federal Government you're
talking about for me to support is a Communist
Government, I'll fight it to the death. (applause)
And they asked me if I thought it was going
Communist, and I said it has already gone. (applause)

"Now we come to Alabama. Again this
violation of the constitution. The Constitution
of the United States gives Congress the power to
bring the militia of several states into the service
of the United States. The Constitution of the United
States does not give the executive branch such power.
No President has any power to order the Military
Forces of a State into Federal service. It is a
violation of the Constitution. Therefore, there
again is a felony and a violation of an oath of
office. Every Governor in this State, including
the Governor of Alabama has the power to declare
Marshal law, and he is the only one who has power
to declare Marshal law. He is the only military
officer involved. The President of the United
States is a civilian. He has been given a title
if you read the records of the Continental Congress
you find this very clear. The President has been
given a title as Commander and Chief of the Army
and the Navy, and it is a title and not a rank.
The title has no military authority, no more than
the Kentucky Colonels, unless Congress declares war,
the purpose of that title is to maintain civilian
control over the military, he is not a military
officer, he is a civilian and he has no military
power unless, and until Congress declares war.

"Every Governor was a military officer of his State, he was the commander of a States Militia before we ever had a union known as the United States of America and before we ever had a President of the United States. That Governor still retains that military power and can employ it, and is the only one who has the power to declare Marshal law in his State. Therefore I was urging Governor WALLACE of Alabama, to declare Marshal law the moment that Jew KATZENBACH came in front of him and said, 'I now declare Marshal law, you and these Niggers are under arrest, take them to jail.' (applause) This he could have done, lawfully and with full power, but Governor WALLACE didn't want to do that. Now I'm repeating some of this because Governor WALLACE is now on our tape program. He is receiving these tapes. And if the enemy doesn't like it he can lump it, because he will receive information in these tapes. Now he had a telegram from a judge that said if he went up there to stop those Negroes from going to school that he would receive many years in jail. This was a threat that was sent to him the night before he left. They were threatening him with jail terms if he violated the court order. He violated it. He told me why, and why he didn't declare Marshal law. He said, 'I want to prove to the American people that there is a military dictatorship in Washington, D. C. now,' and I believe he proved it. (applause) Of course he didn't have to prove it to a lot of us we already knew it. But, there were a lot who did know it. Oh, there is another thing I want to go out over this tape audience all over the country, and for you to think about too. This Jew KATZENBACH, stood in front of him and said that these Negroes had the right to go to school. This is another lie. There is nothing in the Constitution of the United States that gives anybody, white, black, yellow, green, purple or regardless of what color they are any right to an education. The education you receive is a privilege, it is granted by the State and the local community. It is not a constitutional right, and again there is no such a thing as a civil

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right. It's a phrase claimed by the Communists again and has been put in your newspapers, you've been constantly told of it these civil rights. There are no civil rights mentioned in the Constitution of the United States. There are Constitutional Rights, no such a thing as civil rights. So, lets get some of these terms straight. I can tell you from contact, that Southerners are waking up and the Southerners now know that the Jew is behind Communism. (applause) In fact they are not going to take very much of this Jew inspired Communism any longer. And, there may be a possibility that these egg-heads have the nerve to attempt to arrest Governor WALLACE for his so called violation of a court order which he tested and had the right to test, and if they do, and I don't care who is listening to this, I will call now for hard core all over the United States of America to get ready and we will go there to defend Governor WALLACE and don't try to stop us, cause we'll shoot our way through if we have to. (applause)

"We will not be kidnapped. Now I heard some good stories, I always learn something when I go to the South. I learned to say one thing 'come along' 'come along,' I can't get it quite right. But, I also learned there was a Negro who went out and robbed a bank in the daytime, and when they caught him they said why do you commit your robberies in the daytime, he had committed several. He said 'you don't think I'm going out in that nigger area during the night, I'll get robbed.' These are the conditions there. Governor WALLACE knows the score. He can declare Marshal law at any time and he knows it, he may if he has to. He says they'll disregard it and they'll go to court and everything. I told him don't worry about that, because when you declare Marshal law, there are no more courts, you are the law, and if a judge issues an order against you, I said have them arrested and issue an order for his court-martial. (applause) So he said I've lost my National Guard, they Federalized it. I said they did that unlawfully they had no power to do it, you issue an

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order to all your National Guard officers that they are under your command, they are not Federalized, they will receive no orders from Washington, D. C., from the Defense Department or from anyone but you as the Commander and Chief of this National Guard. He said well maybe they won't obey me. I said well I'm an Army officer and I'll volunteer to go give them these instructions and I'll guarantee they'll do it. (applause) And I want those in the South and those here who might have a future example or a future experience to know, that when a Governor declares Marshal law there is no more civil law, no more courts, unless he establishes a military court and he can arrest anyone, whether it be United States Army, whether it be a Federal Judge, whether it be Mr. KATZENBACH, BOBBY KENNEDY, or anyone else that comes into his State to violate the law. (applause) The law for the State of Alabama is the law which was enacted by the legislature of Alabama. It is not the opinion of any court. And they might as well learn it. We are hoping they do try to arrest the Governor of Alabama, and I put this call out now to all hard core patriots of America, get ready now, because if they do, we are going to go, move. Move from everywhere. (applause) And the Governor has also said that if they arrest him he is going to put out a call for a quarter of a million people to come to fight for him and to help him. His mail was heavy. He showed me a whole room full of mail, and a terrific amount was from California. And we want some more to go to let Governor WALLACE know that we support him in his stand. (applause)

"This is not political, this is a question, is the Constitution of the United States still the Constitution apparently not. They have given and JESUS said by their work He shall know them, they have given us a clear concise example and a promise, they have done it, they have violated the Constitution and they look like they are going to continue to do it. So, I can assure you that besides these other actions to defend the Governor of a State who will uphold the Constitution, there will be some

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activity directed towards Washington, D. C., to warn these people what might happen to them, because we're hearing all over, and this warning will be given by an Admiral of the United States Navy, a General of the United States Marine Corps, a General of the United States Air Force, and Colonel of the United States Army, and it will be given to those people in Washington, D. C., straight from the shoulder.
(applause)

"Keep up the support of this tape program it's terrific, it's waking them up all over America. You'd be surprised how many people came to where I was in Alabama, they were Dr. SWIFT's tape groups from all over the South, and it's waking them up to thus saith the Lord and that has been the big problem all over the country, the problem has been, the pulpits, the preachers, have not been preaching not thus saith the Lord, they have been preaching integration social gospel, they don't know their scriptures, they are telling the people that CHRIST was a Jew and the Jews are GOD's chosen people. When I quote John:8 'JESUS called the Jews the children of the devil' if he were a Jew, he would be one of the devil's children then, and they scratch their heads and can't figure it out. So you see this is the truth, the truth is going out on Dr. SWIFT on the scriptures, the theological truth, that is what's strengthening America. So lets support it, get it out, and if I haven't covered some things that happened in Alabama, you know that the general program of the Governor was not to do what I wanted to do, cause for me the third times a charm and that was the first time. But for him, he had another job and he did it. I think he accomplished it. That was to stand in the door to show you that the Constitution of the United States has been destroyed from Washington, D. C. and that a military dictatorship does exist. It does, it's there, don't kid

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yourself. So as Dr. SWIFT says, get yourself equipped to fight (not audible) and I can assure you that we are going to fight it, cause JESUS said to PILATE in that day, mine will fight for me, so let those are enemy and getting reports from this audience and this microphone know we are going to fight and we will. (applause)"

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On June 18, 1963, IC GERALD A. BOSWELL determined from the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association that WILLIAM P. GALE and JOSEPHINE C. GALE have been known to that office since 1938. Addresses for them are shown as 21137 South Figueroa Street, Torrance, California; and 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, California. WILLIAM P. GALE is shown as a retired army officer and an engineer employed by North American Aviation, Canoga Park, California. He is shown as having a bank account with the Security First National Bank, Hollywood and Highland Branch, Los Angeles, California.

On June 17, 1963, IC BOSWELL determined from the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters that WILLIAM P. GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles 28, California, a Securities Dealer Representative, 5'9" tall, born in Minnesota, registered as a Republican on March 29, 1963, with affidavit of registration number N953396.

On July 3, 1963, JOSEPHINE C. GALE, 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, California, advised SAs W. NATHAN PROVINSE and HARRY L. GRIFFIN that she was in the process of moving to 4919 Cahuenga Square, North Hollywood, California, where she will have a telephone number published in her name.

Mrs. GALE advised that she separated from her husband, WILLIAM POTTER GALE, in October, 1962, and he sued her for divorce and a decree in his favor was granted on January 29, 1963. His attorney in this action was BERTRAND L. COMPARET, San Diego, California, who is associated with and is possibly the attorney for GERALD L. K. SMITH.

Mrs. GALE stated that her husband is a minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian and closely associated with Dr. WESLEY SWIFT who ordained him in about 1958 or 1959. She added that she considers her former husband thoroughly loyal to the United States Government but made the observation that he is very much afraid it is being gradually taken over by the Communist Party and other groups such as, the Muslims. She advised that her husband had many associates and contacts throughout the United States while they were married but these

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persons were not generally known to her. She does not believe that he is closely associated with GERALD SMITH, probably because SMITH will not allow anyone to become intimate with him. She does not believe that her husband had met General WALKER prior to the incident at Oxford, Mississippi.

Mrs. GALE stated that her former husband is manager of Wadell and Reed, an investment business engaged in selling a stock known as "United Funds" and has an office on Wilshire Boulevard, which is listed in the telephone directory. He recently told her that he has bought a house in Lancaster, California, address unknown, and she is not sure whether he is residing there at the present time or still living with his sister, RUTH HALL, 4021 Stevely Avenue, Los Angeles 8, California, AX 5-9730. ~~WALKER~~ ~~GALE~~

Mrs. GALE stated that the name BUTLER is vaguely familiar to her but she cannot recall his full name or where and under what circumstances her husband met this man. The only organizations that she knows of that her husband belonged to were the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. GALE could not recall any instance where her husband was out of the United States after he was discharged from the U. S. Army and stated that he gets a pension from the Government and a salary from his work which is his only source of income to her knowledge and she has never known of him being in possession of an unusual amount of money. She recalls that he went to Mississippi but is not sure where he went, who went with him, or the purpose of his trip. She recalls trying to contact him about the first of June when she was advised by his office or his sister or possibly both that he was in the South but cannot recall where she was told he had gone.

Mrs. GALE commented to the effect that her former husband acted much like a "little boy" and she was interested in associating with men. She added that she feels that her former husband and those with whom he is associated, such as, Dr. SWIFT and SMITH, are full of a lot of talk but little positive action. She recalls that her husband owned a rifle and two hand guns, descriptions unknown, but never observed him in possession of any unusual number of firearms.

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Mrs. GALE was advised at the beginning of the interview and again at the conclusion of the interview that the inquiry being made was of a confidential nature and she was requested not to advise anyone of the inquiry being made. She was also told that the inquiry was not being made on the basis of process being outstanding for her former husband. Mrs. GALE appeared to be apprehensive and emphasized the fact that her former husband was a loyal citizen.

On July 3, 1963, LA T-10, advised [redacted] [redacted] are confidential and can be produced upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued [redacted]. LA T-10 stated that with the provisions stated he would determine what information that [redacted] and report pertinent information to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI. On July 9, 1963, LA T-10 reported he had determined that [redacted]

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On July 1, 1963, LA T-8 advised the Los Angeles Office that a man by the name of [redacted] was observed in the [redacted] [redacted] allegedly stated that he belonged to an organization by the name of the "California Ranger."

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Because of GALE's alleged statements concerning the collection of money for assassinations and because of his possible connection with an organization known as "California Rangers," set forth previously, the information furnished as coming from [] is related below.

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On July 1, 1963, LA T-8 advised he is interested in firearms and occasionally stops in various gun stores. On or about []

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[] California. with a []
[] details unknown. LA T-8 stated that in conversation with this person he identified himself as [] also known as [] described as a white, male, [] years old, [] and [] who indicated he lived in that general area but did not give his address. [] stated that he belonged to the "California Rangers" and that from four to five thousand of their organization go on maneuvers in the hills. place not designated. [] told LA T-8 that [] and took them to his car, [] bearing [] license plates, number unknown, parked near the gun shop, []

[] LA T-8 noticed there were []
[] and LA T-8 estimated these clips would each hold about []
[] did not say where he had obtained the machine gun but said that []

He commented that no one was going to [] from him and intimated that he would cause bodily harm to anyone who tried. LA T-8 stated that [] convinced him that he was serious about hurting anyone who tried to []
[] He gave no information on which to base an opinion as to whether he had been arrested or had used firearms in the past.

LA T-8 stated that [] made several remarks indicating he was anti-Negro and anti-Jewish and took some literature from the trunk of his car and gave it to LA T-8.

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Source noted that two of these publications bore the name Christian Nationalist Crusade (See appendix), Post Office Box 27895, Los Angeles 27, California. Another bore the name "Common Sense," Union, New Jersey, and the other, a pamphlet, bore the caption "Know Your Enemy" by ROBERT H. WILLIAMS. The pamphlet shows that it was copyrighted in 1950 by ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, Box 868, Santa Ana, California. WILLIAMS is described as a native of West Texas, a lecturer and news analyst, recognized as an authority on subversive movements, and allegedly is a contributor to Encyclopedia Britannica's "Ten Eventful Years," and an author of several booklets on Communism and Zionism and a publisher of the monthly newsletter, "Williams' Intelligence Summary." There was a note on this pamphlet to order copies from Christian Educational Association, 530 Chestnut Street, Union, New Jersey, the same address given for "Common Sense," referred to above.

[redacted] did not identify anyone by name who was a member of the California Rangers nor did he give any information indicating where their meetings were held or where their offices were. He said that he was going to a meeting that night but did not furnish information indicating where the meeting was to be held. He exhibited a card which he claimed showed he had been or was at that time a member of [redacted] stated that in order to become a member of the California Rangers it was necessary to complete an "enlistment form." [redacted] intimated that LA T-8 had learned who he was through a member of the organization who works at [redacted] California. LA T-8 stated he had no idea to whom [redacted] was referring and added that he does not know anyone who works at [redacted]

[redacted] told LA T-8 that he could get him [redacted] but LA T-8 told him he was not interested in that type firearm although he was interested in [redacted] is said to have made a point of the fact he is [redacted] years old.

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BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] HAS A MACHINE GUN WITH AMMUNITION AND INDICATED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE FIREARM TO BE TAKEN FROM HIM, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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On July 8, 1963, LA T-8 advised he had talked to the [REDACTED] (LNU), at [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] and she indicated that she thought that [REDACTED] was just a "big talker."

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On July 5, 1963, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the Los Angeles Retail Merchant Association without locating a record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On July 5, 1963, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the Los Angeles Police Department, Traffic Division, without locating a record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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On July 5, 1963, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the Records and Identification Divisions of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office without finding a record identifiable with [REDACTED]

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No record can be found for [REDACTED] in the files of the Los Angeles Office.

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On April 29, 1963, LA T-9 furnished information indicating [REDACTED] [REDACTED], California, was the owner of a 1962 Chevrolet Coupe, bearing 1963 California license [REDACTED] and that occupants from an automobile bearing that license number were observed entering a meeting of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) (See appendix) held on March 23, 1963, at the Open Bible Foundation Church, 9701 Flower Street, Bellflower, California. A description of [REDACTED] was furnished as born [REDACTED]

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LA T-9 also furnished information to the effect that [redacted] has reportedly been active with a group headed by Dr. WESLEY SWIFT in Los Angeles who meet at a Church of Christ located at Hollywood and La Brea. This group claims to have a large supply of guns, ammunition, and food in the Newhall area. The group is reportedly anti-Communist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Negro. [redacted] is reported to be [redacted]

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[redacted] He holds the rating of [redacted] The report reflects that a friend of [redacted] was reportedly [redacted] CALIF.

On July 9, 1963, an attempt was made to locate a telephone for [redacted]

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[redacted] California, but none could be found. There is a public listing for [redacted] at the same address and the number given for her is [redacted]. A call to this number was answered by a female who identified herself as [redacted]. She claimed that [redacted] was not there, was not expected to return there, and that she did not know where he could be located. During the conversation, she identified [redacted]

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that BERTRAND L. COMPARET, Attorney, San Diego, California, defended members of the National States Rights Party at the time of their trial as a result of an altercation near San Bernardino, California, in the early part of 1963.

DESCRIPTION

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Name	WILLIAM POTTER GALE
Birth Data	November 20, 1916
	St. Paul, Minnesota
Height	5'9"
Weight	140 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

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Build	Medium
Education	Four years of college
Civilian Occupation	Shown as administrative
Military Occupation	Plans and Policies Officer
Addresses	21137 South Figueroa Street Torrance, California (January 24, 1954); 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, California (February 15, 1954); 6569 Third Avenue Los Angeles, California (February 16, 1941)
Relatives	Wife - Mrs. JOSEPHINE GALE 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (February 4, 1943); <i>MR. & MRS.</i> Father - CHARLES GALE Mother - MARY A. GALE, <i>MR. & MRS.</i> both residing at 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (February 4, 1943)
Employments	Bill's Cafe, 2411 West Florence Avenue, state, city, and dates not shown; San Pedro Smelting and Refining Company from October, 1937 to February, 1941, state and city not shown
Veterans Administration Claim Number	C-6 052 911, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Los Angeles, California

PHOTOGRAPH

A photograph of GALE published in the Los Angeles Examiner, a local daily newspaper, of March 13, 1960, is available.

APPENDIX

CHRISTIAN NATIONALIST CRUSADE

A source advised on August 12, 1959 that the Christian Nationalist Crusade (CNC) was organized in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947, and moved its headquarters to Glendale, California, in 1953, where it continues to be located; that from the parent CNC, subsidiary organizations, including the Christian Nationalist Party (of America), have developed; that these organizations all reflect in their literature the imprint of their chief organizer and director GERALD L.K. SMITH, whose basic argument has been that this nation, traditionally Christian, and racially segregated, is threatened by anti-Christian and racially "mongrelizing" forces such as communism and internationalism, all dominantly motivated by international Jewry which controls this country financially and politically; and that these organizations are not membership organizations, but represent followers who contribute to them or subscribe to their literature. Although GERALD L.K. SMITH and his associates are not known to have appealed to illegal action, the tenor of their statements and program is anti-Semitic, as indirectly indicated by the slogan of the Christian Nationalist Party, announced in 1950, which was "One Faith - One Race - One Nation".

"The Cross and The Flag" is the copyrighted monthly official organ of the Christian Nationalist Crusade and Party (National Political Committee), Post Office Box 27895, Los Angeles 27, California, published by GERALD L.K. SMITH and edited by CHARLES F. ROBERTSON at 1200 South Central Avenue, Glendale, California.

APPENDIXNATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

On May 2, 1962, a second source advised: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI). Muhammad's Temple of Islam Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI. In mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930, in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teaching and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1962, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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1APPENDIXNATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957 issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958 issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party," reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR ALABAMA AND WALLACE, Also known as Alabama Militia Volunteers

This organization was organized by former North Alabama Klan leader ASA EARL CARTER, who claimed to have connections high in the administration of Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE at the time he was organizing this group. The organization was called "VOLUNTEERS FOR ALABAMA AND WALLACE" (VAW) in a public ceremony on February 9, 1963, by the spokesman who on that occasion at the Alabama State Capitol Building read a petition to Governor WALLACE. (Source 1) At a meeting of the VAW in April, 1963, the commander of the organization, retired U. S. Navy Admiral JOHN G. CROMMELIN, passed out bumper stickers to be attached to the bumpers of automobiles of the members. The reading on the bumper stickers is "Alabama Militia Volunteers" and the sticker also has a picture of a flag resembling the flag of the State of Alabama. (Source 2) The main organization of VAW is in the vicinity of Montgomery, Alabama. In that vicinity, where meetings are held weekly on Tuesday nights at Prattville, Alabama, it has been observed that the personnel of VAW is largely composed of members and/or officers of United Klans of America Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). (Sources 2, 3, and 4) The stated aim and purpose of the organization is to "back up Governor GEORGE WALLACE in his determined stand to prevent de-segregation of public schools in Alabama," and to otherwise maintain segregation of the races in Alabama. The methods advocated at meetings for accomplishing this have included only lawful and peaceful procedures, including picketing and peaceful demonstrations. (Sources 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Source 5 has identified ASA CARTER as a former leader and source 6 has identified ASA EARL CARTER as the original organizer of a Klan organization at Chalkville, Alabama, which received great public notoriety in 1957 when six members of that group sexually mutilated a Negro man, [redacted] in Springdale, near Birmingham, Alabama.

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Sources 1, 2, 3, and 4 have advised that retired U. S. Navy Admiral JOHN G. CROMMELIN, residing at Montgomery, Alabama, and Wetumpka, Alabama, and a frequent candidate for public office, recently a candidate for Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, is widely and publicly known in that area for a consistent and intense hatred of Jews. In his public speeches he consistently claimed that Communism is Jewish and that there exists a conspiracy between Communists and Jews to control the world and to enslave non-Jewish persons.

Characterization of UKA is attached.

Sources 1, 2, and 4 have furnished information that leaders of VAW hope to enlarge the organization and organize it to the extent that it will be officially made the State Militia of the State of Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 24, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-571

Title WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN
dated and captioned as above
at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571) (P)

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
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Agency G-2, CNI, CSI, CRD, ITS

Date Forw. 7/31/63

How Forw. R/S

By: [Signature] ph

Re report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 7/24/63 at
Los Angeles.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth a report of statements allegedly made by GALE and WESLEY SWIFT at a meeting in Los Angeles on 6/14/63. The observation is made that this may be the same speech referred to in referenced report as furnished by LA T-11. However, since instant report contains statements made by SWIFT in addition to GALE, this information is being furnished for information.

Because of the possibility this is the same information set forth in referenced report in more detail as a recording which came from Miami, Florida, the Miami Office is being furnished a copy for information. Birmingham and Mobile are each being furnished a copy for information because of the statements pertaining to Alabama Governor WALLACE, and also because of the interest of each of those offices in GALE.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished the 115th INTC, Region II, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California; FIO, Los Angeles; and OSI, Maywood.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] (Protect), [redacted]

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[redacted] California.
The information furnished by him is in a written report and is
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becoming known and possibly preventing future usefulness.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
July 25, 1963

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 24, 1963, furnished a written report dated July 17, 1963, the pertinent portions of which are quoted below:

"Wesley Swift held his June 14th meeting at the Hollywood Women's Club with approximately 125 persons attending, mostly well-dressed. Swift had Col. Gale as a guest.

"Swift said that the time is now at hand when the 'white Christian Americans' must act to defend their freedom as the 'majority' and to defend their homes and families which are in mortal danger from Negroes, Jews and Communists. Swift also said that his church had to move from the downtown meeting place because the Negroes are taking over and everyone was afraid to come to the meetings because they were in constant danger of physical attack.

"He further stated that it is God's will that the Negro and the anti-Christ be segregated and contained and even destroyed if necessary by God's chosen people; for they, the non-pure, are of the devil and are bent on destroying the lives and properties of the pure-whites. We must defend ourselves against this evil even if we have to take up arms and make their blood run in the streets.

"Swift said that Gov. Brown, Att. Gen. Stanley Mosk, and Senator 'Kikel' should be removed from office next year and- who knows - someone might even remove them physically.

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"He told the audience that the Calif. State UnAmerican Activities Committee incorporated an article in their 1963 report that he, Swift, was at a NSRP meeting at the Embassy Auditorium on Feb. 8th but that this was a lie - he was in Hollywood holding his regular service. He said that this and their blasting the right-wing organizations proves they are taking orders from the 'commies' and that times have changed since Tenny!

"He went on to say that peace will follow after the destruction of the enemy.

"Col. Gale was then introduced by Swift as 'just coming home from the war.' He applauded Gov. Wallace's action at the University and said that Gov. Wallace did not take Gale's advice and declare marial law in Alabama and throw the Federal Judges into jail and take over the State Guard. He said that he along with several others, a Navy Admiral, an Army General, a Marine Corps General and Air Force Colonel, will soon be calling on the Administration in Washington, D.C. and warn the government that unless it brings the Constitution back to the country, this group of military leaders will take the necessary military action. First we'll warn the_, he said, then we'll act.

"He, Gale, is prepared to go to the aid of Gov. Wallace in the event that the Gov. is prosecuted for a Federal offense. Such a prosecution would be illegal on the grounds that the Constitution says that only the Governors of the states have the right to declare marial law in their states.

"Gale said the President's title of Commander in Chief is only a title - that he is only a civilian - except when Congress votes him military powers. 'What kind of aid would he give? 'Military!' 'Patrick Henry,' he said, 'asked for liberty or death. He, Gale, asks for liberty or a gun to kill the one who would want to take it away from him.

"Both Gale and Swift told of the effectiveness of the tape recordings in creating a unified force of their constituent. Gale boasted that if Gov. Wallace is threatened further by the Fed. Gov't., he, Gale, could not only take over the Alabama State Guard and hand it over to the Governor, but he could muster an

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outside army of millions of white Christians who are getting tired of what's going on/

"The audience applauded most vigorously at the suggestion that they might take up arms against other citizens in this country. When Swift spoke about killing Negroes, the applause was actually deafening for a minute or two. When Gale talked about an army in readiness with arms, he drew the loudest, longest applause of the evening."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 7 1963

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security DivisionSUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 13, 1963 on the captioned matter, addressed to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall for Civil Rights, which has been referred to this Division.

We have reviewed the information contained in the memorandum dated June 7, 1963 prepared by your Los Angeles Office on the subject, which was attached to your memorandum of June 13, 1963, and have failed to find a violation of any statute administered by this Division, particularly the Smith Act. Although the subject reportedly claims that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] there is no indication that such activity is intended to bring about the violent overthrow of our government, but rather, is only concerned with certain individuals.

However, in view of possible interest of the Criminal Division in this matter, I am forwarding your memorandum of July 13, 1963 to that Division in order that the reported information may be considered under statutes administered by the Criminal Division.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)

From: Director, FBI (62-105253) — *19*
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WILLIAM POTTER GALE, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter dated 9-17-63 from Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

You should continue your investigation into the activities of subject and his group. In this connection, you should consider a spot-check surveillance of Gale to develop any information that his groups intends to assassinate various Government officials.

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NOTE:

The Los Angeles Office has furnished information received from one [redacted] in California, [redacted] Gale, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Army who has an Army medical hospital record for treatment for psychoneurosis.

[redacted] This information was furnished to the AG and to Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, on 6-7-63.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 17, 1963

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr.,
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal DivisionHJM:GLB:bf
146-1-8552

SUBJECT: William Potter Gale

Racial Matters
Conspiracy to Murder Government
Officers

Your memorandum of June 13, 1963, has been forwarded to the Criminal Division for review. After review of that memorandum, we have concluded that we do not have sufficient information at this time upon which we can base a prosecution.

The statements by Gale and the other information presented do lead us to suspect that there may be a presently existing conspiracy to murder certain Federal officers. In order to prosecute for this offense, however, further evidence would have to be obtained. We suggest that Gale be kept under surveillance and that a further investigation be carried out to obtain the necessary evidence to prosecute Gale and any other people who may be involved in the conspiracy.

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Re report of SA HARRL L. GRIFFIN dated 7/24/63,
at Los Angeles, and Los Angeles airtels to the Bureau dated
8/21/63, and 9/4/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one
photostat copy of an article which appeared in the Los Angeles
Herald Examiner of 9/17/63, quoting STANLEY MOSK, Attorney
General (AG) of California, concerning collections of firearms.

The "Rangers" mentioned in the newspaper article
could refer to the California Rangers mentioned in referenced
report.

The person referred to in the article as having been
recently arrested for offering to sell machine guns could be

in referenced airtels.

Enclosed for San Francisco is one photostat of the
above mentioned newspaper clipping and one copy of the report
of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 7/24/63, at Los Angeles..

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[redacted] of the California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles, stated he is not aware of the existence of a clearing house such as that referred to in the enclosed newspaper article.

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[redacted] Room 406 Old State Building, Los Angeles, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, stated he attended the meeting referred to in the newspaper article but is not aware of authoritative steps having been taken toward forming of a clearing house mentioned by the AG.

For the benefit of San Francisco, the Los Angeles Office furnished the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit of the U. S. Treasury Department, information concerning [redacted] and an associate by the name of [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] in the Los Angeles area. The Alcohol and Tobacco Unit subsequently arrested [redacted] after having purchased automatic weapons from him.

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An airtel from the Bureau to Los Angeles dated 9/20/63, transmitted a letter from the Department of Justice which advised in effect that statements by GALE which were then submitted to the Department led them to suspect that there may be a presently existing conspiracy to murder certain Federal Officers. The Department suggested that in order to prosecute for this offense, further evidence would have to be obtained. It was also suggested that GALE be kept under surveillance and other investigation be carried out to obtain the necessary evidence to prosecute GALE and other people who may be involved in the conspiracy.

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 1. Will determine from CII the information on hand to substantiate statements attributed to AG MOSK in the enclosed newspaper article.

2. Will determine what arrangements are being made by the clearing house of firearms mentioned by him in his talk in Torrance, California.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA Will keep in contact
with [REDACTED] to determine the progress being made along
the lines referred to in the newspaper article.

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Mosk Wars on Illegal Weapons**Private Arsenals
Peril Southland**

Unofficial para-military organizations in Southern California are seeking to create private arsenals including machine guns, bazookas, mortars, grenades, dynamite and automatic rifles, Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk charged today.

Addressing a Zone 5 Peace Officers meeting in Torrance, Mosk said the organizations, "which identify themselves usually as 'Minutemen' or 'Rangers', evidently are continuing to operate in Southern California."

He said a person connected with the groups was recently arrested locally, having offered machine guns for sale.

Mosk said one of the groups recently had practice missions to bomb area plants and that an assassination list was even composed by cer-

tain individuals involved in the activities.

Mosk said he plans to set up a clearing house in the Los Angeles Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for all information on possession of illegal weapons and any other activities of suspected para-military organizations.

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D-8 Herald-Examiner
Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 9/17/63
Edition: 8th Star *Sunset*
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Editor: John Denson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-310) - RUC
 RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
 RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 9/24/63.

On 9/27/63, [redacted] Senior MO Technician, CII, Sacramento, California, advised that AG STANLEY MOSK did not consult with CII officials or review CII files prior to his speech before the Zone 5 Peace Officers meeting in Torrance, California. [redacted] also advised that no arrangements have been made with CII to establish a clearing house in the Los Angeles CII for information relating to illegal weapons and other activities of suspected para-military organizations.

KENNETH HORTON, Agent in Charge, Investigative Unit, CII, Sacramento, advised 9/27/63, that no information of a current nature was furnished to the AG's Office prior to the Torrance speech of MOSK and to date no clearing house arrangements have been made between the AG's Office and CII. HORTON advised that CII has conducted limited investigation of the "California Rangers" and the "Minutemen," basically the same organization. This investigation by CII was closed in June, 1962, with the exception of receiving information from one or two informants in the "Minutemen" in the Los Angeles area. HORTON advised it is possible a representative of the AG's Office in Los Angeles reviewed that file in the Los Angeles CII Office and if so, CII Agent [redacted] would have made the file available. The file relating to the "Minutemen" in

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Los Angeles CII Office is more complete and current than that maintained in Sacramento, according to HORTON.

[] and HORTON pointed out that it is becoming more and more common for representatives of the AG's Office to make press releases and speeches without first consulting CII files and personnel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE OCT 11 1963	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/7 - 9/26/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka		REPORT MADE BY HARRY L. GRIFFIN	TYPED BY ELB
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 7/24/63 at Los Angeles.
Teletype from Miami to Los Angeles dated 9/17/63.
Teletypes from Los Angeles to Birmingham dated 9/18 and 20/63.
Teletype from Birmingham to Los Angeles dated 9/20/63.
Airtel from Los Angeles to Birmingham, Mobile, and Miami dated 9/24/63.
Airtel from Los Angeles to Bureau and San Francisco dated 9/24/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being furnished Birmingham for information because of the allegations set forth in this report that GALE has been in Birmingham recently and because of Birmingham's interest in GALE's activities.

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- 2 - San Diego (REGISTERED)
- 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Los Angeles (157-571)

By airtel dated 9/20/63 the Bureau furnished Los Angeles a copy of a letter dated 9/17/63 from Assistant Attorney General HERBERT J. MILLER, Jr. This letter stated in substance that the statements by GALE and the other information presented lead the department to suspect that there may be a presently existing conspiracy to murder certain federal officers. It was added that in order to prosecute for this offense, that further evidence would have to be obtained. It was suggested that GALE be kept under surveillance and further investigation be conducted to obtain the necessary evidence to prosecute GALE and any other people who may be involved in the conspiracy.

The Bureau instructed that Los Angeles should conduct investigation into the activities of GALE and his associates and that consideration should be given to a spot-check surveillance of GALE to develop any information that his group intends to assassinate various Government officials.

The transcript and tape recordings were returned to [REDACTED] by SA LLOYD O. BOGSTAD on August 12, 1963.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will recontact [REDACTED] in an effort to develop information concerning GALE's

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reported visit to Birmingham, his contacts, length of stay, and purpose of visit. (This lead in substance was set forth in referenced airtel from Los Angeles to Birmingham, Mobile and Miami dated 9/24/63.

MOBILE

AT MOBILE ALABAMA: Will contact [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to determine if GALE is known to have been in that area on or about 9/15/63. His contacts, length of stay, and the purpose of his visit. (This lead in substance was set forth in referenced airtel from Los Angeles to Birmingham, Mobile, and Miami dated 9/24/63.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will determine from the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation the information on hand to substantiate statements attributed to Attorney General STANLEY F. MOSK made by him at a meeting of Zone 5 of the Peace Officers of California at Torrance, California, on September 16, 1963.

(2) Will determine what arrangements are being made by the clearing house of firearms mentioned by MOSK in his talk at Torrance, California. (The above two leads in substance were set forth in referenced airtel from Los Angeles to the Bureau and San Francisco dated September 24, 1963.)

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will furnish information indicating the extent to which BERTRAND L. COMPARET is known to have distributed the typed transcriptions and/or taped lectures as indicated in this report.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will keep in contact with [redacted] to determine the progress being made concerning the establishment of a clearing house in the Los Angeles Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for information pertaining to illegal weapons.

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(2) Will report information furnished by [redacted]
[redacted] concerning GALE's activities.

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<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
LA T-1 [redacted]	Written. [redacted]
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LA T-3 [redacted]	Written [redacted] and LA Orally instant report page 13. 157-571-50
LA T-4 [redacted]	Orally, instant report, pages 3 - 6.
LA T-5 [redacted] California	Orally to SA J. E. DAILY, instant report, pages 13 and 14.

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Report of: HARRY L. GRIFFIN Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: OCT 11 1963

Field Office File #: 157-571 Bureau File #:

Title: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE attended meeting of the Old Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace at Harrogate Springs, Alabama, 6/11/63. He had in his possession tape recordings which he said were made in Lancaster, California. Typed transcriptions and tape recordings obtained of lectures by BERTRAND L. COMPARET and Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT that are anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. [REDACTED] employee of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was arrested by U. S. Treasury Department for possessing an illegal weapon. GALE joined Signal Hill, California, American Legion Post No. 490 which allegedly faces expulsion from the National Veterans Organization because it is being used as a front for an underground hate group. GALE allegedly was in Birmingham, Alabama, on or about 9/15/63. At the present time he resides 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California. No arrest record found for GALE.

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DETAILS

On June 12, 1963, LA T-1 advised in substance that a meeting of the John G. Crommelin Faction of the Old Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace (VAW) (see appendix) was held at Harrogate Springs, Alabama on the night of June 11, 1963, and that WILLIAM POTTER GALE was present at this meeting.

GALE said that WALLACE could have established martial law at Tuscaloosa on this date, and thus delayed the entrance of the Negroes into the university for a while longer. He said also that the term "State Guard" should be used instead of "militia," to be sure that they could not be called into Federal service.

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[redacted] and GALE both advocated getting up a group of 100 armed men who could go anywhere in the state and put an end to Negroes demonstrating and "sitting-in." He advocated [redacted] (did) sending a group like that into a place like Gadsden to "knock a few heads" and stop the Negro demonstrations.

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GALE said he had seven men in Los Angeles, California, armed with Browning Assault Rifles, which can fire 500 rounds per minute. He said these men will go anywhere he says, and will kill anyone he designates.

This meeting ended at 10:15 p.m., but GALE then played a tape of a speech by Dr. WESLEY SWIFT.

On June 21, 1963, LA T-2 advised that GALE had attended a meeting of the VAW at Harrogate Springs, Alabama, on the night of June 11, 1963. GALE was described as a retired army colonel who lives in California. It was added that the speakers were JOHN CROMMELIN and GALE who spoke against Negroes, Jews and the KENNEDY administration.

GALE is reported to have mentioned that the tape recordings of the pro-segregationist speeches which he has been distributing were made at Lancaster, California. GALE indicated that this was confidential information and that the FBI had been trying to find out where the recordings were made.

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On July 31, 1963, LA T-3 furnished information to the effect that [redacted] Florida, is a contact of GALE's and that GALE sends [redacted] tape recordings which are distributed to interested people who are willing to pay for the tapes.

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On July 26, 1963, LA T-4 submitted typed transcriptions of lectures and tape recordings of lectures prepared by BERTRAND L. COMPARET and Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT. LA T-4 stated he had received these lectures upon request from BERTRAND COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield, San Diego, California.

The numbers, title, and author of the lectures were as follows:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
B-1	THE BIBLE IS NOT A JEWISH BOOK	by BERTRAND L. COMPARET
B-2	THE GREAT MASQUERADE	"
B-3	THE KEY TO PROPHECY	"
*B-4	ISRAEL'S FINGERPRINTS	"
*B-5	THE SANCTUARY AND THE DOMINION	"
B-6	THE POTTER AND THE CLAY	"
B-7	THE CAMOUFLAGED NATION	"
B-8	WHAT JEREMIAH PLANTED	"
B-9	AMERICA IS A BIBLE LAND	"
*B-10	THE STONE OF DESTINY	"
B-11	THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS	"
*B-12	RUSSIA IN PROPHECY	"
*B-13	WHOSE HAMMER AND SICKLE?	"
*B-14	GOD COMMANDS RACIAL SEGREGATION	"

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
B-15	ADAM WAS NOT THE FIRST MAN	by BERTRAND L. COMPARET
*B-16	MAN AND BEAST	"
B-17	THE CUP OF WRATH	"
*B-18	THE SUMMIT -- OR THE PIT	"
*B-19	DESTROYING MANY BY PEACE	"
B-20	"THAT'S CONTROVERSIAL"	"
*B-21	THE HYDROGEN BOMB IN BIBLE PROPHECY	"
*B-22	THE DAY OF HIS PREPARATION	"
*B-23	LIFT UP YOUR HEADS	"
*B-24	BINDING THE STRONG MAN	"
B-25	SQANDERING OUR BIRTHRIGHT	"
B-26	THE PALACE OF STRANGERS	"
*B-27	WHAT IS RELIGION?	"
*B-28	A FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD OF GOD	"
B-29	GOD GIVE US MEN	"
*B-30	A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS	"
B-31	RIDING THE JET STREAM	"
*B-32	POWER OF ATTORNEY	"
*B-33	PEACE IN MY DAYS	"
*B-34	THE TIME OF THE HEATHEN	"
*B-35	GATHERING THE NATIONS	"

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
*B-36	DESTINY IS ON OUR SIDE	By BERTRAND L. COMPARET
B-37	WHAT GOSPEL?	"
*B-38	THE JEWISH TRIALS OF JESUS CHRIST	"
*B-39	THE ROMAN TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST	"
B-40, B-41, B-42	Not accounted for	"
43&C8	THE PROOF THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST- Part I	"
*44&C6	WHY DID CHRIST COME?	"
*45&C4	GATHERING THE TARES	"
46&C7	YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	"
*47&C6	THERE IS NO PACIFISM IN THE BIBLE	"
48&C7	SALVATION - OR REDEMPTION?	"
49&C6	NOT A NEW DOCTRINE	"
*B-50	HISTORIC PROOF OF ISRAEL'S MIGRATIONS	"
*B-51	THE BUDDING OF THE FIG TREE	"
B-52	THE MEN OF HIS OWN HOUSE	"
*B-53	STOP HELPING GOD'S ENEMIES	"
B-54	LOST FOUNDATIONS	"
B-55	THE MYSTERY OF GOOD AND EVIL	"
*B-56	THE MISSING YEARS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST	"
B-57	ISRAEL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT - I	"

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
B-58	THE WORD THAT CHRIST HAS SPOKEN	by BERTRAND L. COMPARET
*B-59	THE DAY OF THE LORD	"
*B-60	WHY DO YOU QUOTE THAT ONE?	"
B-61	IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD	"
B-62	ISRAEL IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION	"
B-63	WHOM WILL YE SERVE?	"
B-64	THE DESTINY OF OUR RACE	"
B-65	WHO ARE THE GENTILES?	"
B-66	CAN ANYTHING BE "JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN?"	"
*B-67	WHO IS YOUR GOD?	"
*B-68	THE ROD OF GOD'S ANGER	"
*B-69	RUTH WAS AN ISRAELITE	"
B-70	Not accounted for	
B-71	WHERE IS THE KINGDOM?	"

The above listed typed lectures each bore the designation "The Voice of Truth" Box 911, San Diego, California, and "Radio XERB - 1090 kc, 9:15 A.M. Monday through Saturday." The numbers preceded by an asterisk indicate those lectures which were also tape recorded.

The number designations, the titles, author and transcription titles and the designation of the side of the tape on which the lectures by title appear on the tape recordings are set forth as follows:

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Transcrip- tion Title</u>
C-1	1	*ISRAEL'S FINGERPRINTS	by BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield, San Diego.	
	2	WHO ARE JEWS?	" "	YOUR HERITAGE ("The subject of this and several other tapes can als be had in pri
C-2		*RUSSIA IN BIBLE PROPHECY *WHOSE HAMMER AND SICKLE? LET'S EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE		
C-4	1	*WHAT IS RELIGION?	" "	
	2	*GATHERING THE TARES *A FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD OF GOD *DESTROYING MANY BY PEACE *DESTINY IS ON OUR SIDE *LIFT UP YOUR HEADS		
C-5	1	*HISTORIC PROOF OF ISRAEL'S MIGRATION	" "	
	2	*THE MISSING YEARS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST *THE STONE OF DESTINY		
C-7	1	*WHO IS YOUR GOD?	" "	
	2	*WHY DO YOU QUOTE THAT ONE? WHO IS YOUR SAVIOR? SALVATION - OR REDEMPTION? YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD		
C-8	1	*THE JEWISH TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST *THE ROMAN TRIAL OF JESUS CHRIST *THE SANCTUARY AND THE DOMINION *POWER OF ATTORNEY	" "	
	2	PROOF THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST		

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C-9	1	*THE HYDROGEN BOMB IN BIBLE PROPHECY	by BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield, San Diego	
		*GATHERING THE NATIONS		
		*BINDING THE STRONG MAN		
	2	*STOP HELPING GOD'S ENEMIES	" "	
		*THE ROD OF GOD'S ANGER		
C-10	1	THE VINE OF THE EARTH	" "	
	2	*RUTH WAS AN ISRAELITE THE SONS OF GOD WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS		
T-3	1	*MAN AND BEAST	" "	
		*GOD COMMANDS RACIAL SEGREGATION		
	2	THAT'S CONTROVERSIAL		
		*THE SUMMIT? OR THE PIT?		
		LOST FOUNDATIONS		
		THE KEY TO PROPHECY		
		*THE BUDDING OF THE FIG TREE		
T-6	1	CAN ANYTHING BE 'JUDAE0-CHRISTIAN'? "		
		*THERE IS NO PACIFISM IN THE BIBLE		
		*PEACE IN MY DAYS		
		*THE DAY OF THE LORD		
	2	*WHY DID CHRIST COME?		
		NOT A NEW DOCTRINE		
		*THE TIME OF THE HEATHEN		
		*THE DAY OF HIS PREPARATION		
		*A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS		
1		"GOD, MAN, NATIONS AND THE RACES"	by Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT	1/27/63
2		"WERE ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH DROWNED IN THE FLOOD?"	"	2/28/62
3		"THE STANDARDS OF THE KINGDOM	"	3/25/62
4		"HERALDRY OF THE NATIONS"	"	5/20/62

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This article added that Colonel WILLIAM GALE, who had been a candidate for Governor in California in 1958 of the Constitution Party, is head of the Rangers. He allegedly transferred his legion membership from a Beverly Hills Post to the Signal Hill Post earlier in the year.

On September 17, 1963, LA T-3 advised in substance that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, Lancaster, California, who stated that GALE was in Birmingham, Alabama, where he had been for the past three weeks.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

The following investigation was conducted by SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN:

On September 18, 1963, efforts were made by the Los Angeles Office to locate GALE and account for his whereabouts on September 15, 1963. It was determined that GALE is residing at 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California, and is still employed by Wadell and Reed, 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

Efforts to locate GALE at his place of employment resulted negatively.

On September 20, 1963, Birmingham requested that investigation be conducted to determine when GALE visited Birmingham, his contacts there, length of stay, and the purpose of his visit.

At Lancaster, California, the following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN EDWARD DAILY:

LA T-5 advised that GALE was at his home on September 26, 1963. GALE has lived at 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California, for approximately five months and lives with his mother. LA T-5 stated that GALE is at home most of the time and that he sees GALE [REDACTED] LA T-5 recalls that he had been on a trip about the middle of September and returned home on September 15, 1963.

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[REDACTED] he talked to GALE and in this conversation GALE did not indicate he had been on a trip.

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On September 17, 1963, an article appeared in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, a daily newspaper entitled, "Private Arsenals Peril Southland." This article related in substance that STANLEY MOSK, Attorney General of California, had addressed a Zone 5 Peace Officers meeting in Torrance, California, on September 16, 1963, and in his address stated that organizations which identify themselves usually as "Minutemen" or "Rangers" are evidently continuing to operate in Southern California. He said a person connected with the group was recently arrested for having offered a machine gun for sale.

MOSK was also quoted as stating that one of the groups recently had practice missions to bomb area plants and that an assassination list had been composed by certain individuals involved in the activities. MOSK stated he planned to set up a clearing house in the Los Angeles Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation for all information on possession of illegal weapons and any other activities of suspected para-military organizations.

An identification record for GALE was received from the Identification Division of the FBI and bears the date August 5, 1963. This record reflects no arrests for GALE and shows that he has been fingerprinted ~~six~~ different times. The entries made at the time he was fingerprinted and a description as furnished on this record is set forth as follows:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and No.	Arrested or Received	Charge	Description
St Bu Sacramento Calif	WILLIAM P. GALE #22157	appl FP 3-15-38		
State Athletic Comm Sacramento Calif	WILLIAM P. GALE #1764	appl 3-29-39		

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and No.	Arrested or Received	Charge	Dispositio
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Army

WILLIAM POTTER
GALE #0-416089

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OSI Wash DC

WILLIAM POTTER
GALE
#42-35500

appl FP
3-12-56

DESCRIPTION:

Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 70"
Weight: 150
Hair: brown
Eyes: brown
Complexion: fair
Build: Normal

Date and place
of birth:

November 20, 1916, St. Paul,
Minnesota

Company:

Rocketdyne, A Division of North
American Aviation, 6633 Canoga
Avenue, Canoga Park, California
in 1956

Residence:

1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood,
California in 1956

Occupation:

licensee

Howitzer Company WILLIAM P. GALE
160th Inf
Los Angeles Calif

prt rec
12-11-37
FP for
civil
ident
purposes

Company C 160th WILLIAM POTTER
Infantry GALE
Los Angeles Calif

prt rec
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FP for
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VOLUNTEERS FOR ALABAMA AND WALLACE, Also Known As Alabama Militia Volunteers

This organization was organized by former North Alabama Klan leader ASA EARL CARTER, who claimed to have connections high in the administration of Alabama Governor GEORGE WALLACE at the time he was organizing this group. The organization was called "VOLUNTEERS FOR ALABAMA AND WALLACE" (VAW) in a public ceremony on February 9, 1963, by the spokesman who on that occasion at the Alabama State Capitol Building read a petition to Governor WALLACE. (Source 1) At a meeting of the VAW in April, 1963, the commander of the organization, retired U. S. Navy Admiral JOHN C. CROMMELIN, Passed out bumper stickers to be attached to the bumpers of automobiles of the members. The reading on the bumper stickers is "Alabama Militia Volunteers" and the sticker also has a picture of a flag resembling the flag of the State of Alabama. (Source 2) The main organization of VAW is in the vicinity of Montgomery, Alabama. In that vicinity, where meetings are held weekly on Tuesday nights at Prattville, Alabama, it has been observed that the personnel of VAW is largely composed of members and/or officers of United Klans of America Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA). (Sources 2, 3 and 4) The stated aim and purpose of the organization is to "back up Governor GEORGE WALLACE in his determined stand to prevent de-segregation of public schools in Alabama," and to otherwise maintain segregation of the races in Alabama. The methods advocated at meetings for accomplishing this have included only lawful and peaceful procedures, including picketing and peaceful demonstrations. (Sources 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Source 5 had identified ASA CARTER as a former leader and source 6 has identified ASA EARL CARTER as the original organizer of a Klan organization at Chalkville, Alabama, which received great public notoriety in 1957 when six members of that group sexually mutilated a Negro man, JUDGE AARON, in Springdale near Birmingham, Alabama.

Sources 1, 2, 3 and 4 have advised that retired U. S. Navy Admiral JOHN G. CROMMELIN, residing at Montgomery, Alabama, and Wetumpka, Alabama, and a frequent candidate for

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public office, recently a candidate for Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, is widely and publicly known in that area for a consistent and intense hatred of Jews. In his public speeches he consistently claimed that Communism is Jewish and that there exists a conspiracy between Communists and Jews to control the world and to enslave non-Jewish persons.

Sources 1, 2 and 4 have furnished information that leaders of VAW hope to enlarge the organization and organize it to the extent that it will be officially made the State Militia of the State of Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-571

OCT 11 1963

Title WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN
dated as above at Los Angeles, California.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, Miami (157-831)

12/13/63

Director, FBI

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE, AKA
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Miami airtel 12/10/63 with accompanying
letterhead memorandum.

A review of Bureau files does not indicate
any identifiable references to Sidney C. Barnes.

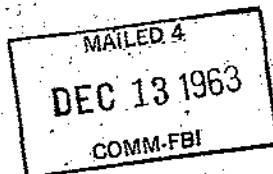
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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-831) (P)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Date Forw. DEC 13 1963

How Forw. *rs*By *rb.cag*
1 cc Org. UnitRe Los Angeles airtel to Miami, 11/21/63;
Miami airtel to Los Angeles, 11/21/63, and report of
SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 10/11/63, at Los Angeles.Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a
letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, suitable for
dissemination.Enclosed for Birmingham are 3 copies, and for
Mobile and New Orleans and Los Angeles, 2 copies each of
letterhead memorandum.

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Special Agent in Charge

HSCA re 1-26-78 request.
(See Bufile #62-117290)

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The source used in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted]. For the information of all Offices, [redacted] is an active informant for the [redacted] however, all information he develops he furnishes directly to the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that on 11/21/63, [redacted] Fla., described as a white male, [redacted] lbs. [redacted] employed as [redacted] reportedly [redacted]

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[redacted] and may have resided at one time in [redacted] [redacted] further advised that [redacted] is active in [redacted]

[redacted] from WILLIAM POTTER GALE, who is presently under investigation by the Los Angeles Office. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted [redacted] and suggested he contact [redacted] in the Telephone Directory), [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] reportedly has some new ideas.

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On [redacted] arranged a meeting with [redacted] and they talked for approximately [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male [redacted] pounds, with [redacted] During the conversation, [redacted] discussed WILLIAM POTTER GALE, who he referred to as "BILL." Information regarding this interview is set forth in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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[redacted] advised that at the conclusion of the interview, he telephonically contacted [redacted] to advise that he had been in touch with [redacted] At this time [redacted] stated he had sent GALE the above described [redacted] GALE instructed [redacted] to have [redacted] meet with [redacted]

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Miami indices are negative regarding [redacted]

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On 12/9/63, Sgt. [redacted] Intelligence Division, Miami PD, advised the Miami Office of the contact between [redacted] He noted that [redacted] intends to recontact [redacted] at some future date, at which time they will attempt to arrange for the conversation to be recorded. In view of this fact and also in view of the fact that only a few people have information regarding the interview between [redacted] it is felt that [redacted] should not be interviewed at this time by the FBI.

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The Bureau and listed Offices are requested to review their indices for any information concerning [redacted]

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Miami is presently attempting to develop background information regarding [redacted]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
December 10, 1963

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

On December 9, 1963, a source who has furnished reliable information and, in addition, has furnished some information that could not be verified or corroborated, stated as follows:

On December 8, 1963, [redacted]
[redacted] Florida, telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

He said that prior to the integration of the University at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, "BILL" GALE (WILLIAM POTTER GALE) [redacted]

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RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE



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A characterization of the National States Rights Party is attached hereto and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a "Ku Klux Klan spokesman of Greenville reported the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of the Ku Klux Klan and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] [redacted] the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who "rungs the NSRP."

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (Continued)

The March, 1959, issue of the Anti-Defamation League Bulletin contained an article by JEROME BAKST entitled "Angry Young Men of Hate." Regarding EDWARD R. FIELDS, the article stated, "FIELDS, 26 years old and a Louisville chiropractor, is a key figure in the National States Rights Party and co-ordinator of all its activities, contacts and liaison with leaders of other hate groups. He apparently started Jew-baiting in his teens, aided STONER in the Christian anti-Jewish Party, and got involved in newspaper notoriety while attending chiropractory school in Davenport, Iowa. There, early in 1954, according to newspaper reports, he pasted anti-Jewish stickers on store windows during Brotherhood Week."

A source advised in May, 1961, that

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The KU KLUX KLAN has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Re airtel from Birmingham to the Bureau,
 etal, dated 12/31/63.

Birmingham, Mobile and Miami were advised
 by airtels on 9/26/63, and 10/17/63, entitled, "WILLIAM
 POTTER GALE, RACIAL MATTERS, Los Angeles file 157-571"
 substantially as follows:

SA JOHN EDWARD DAILEY determined from [redacted]

[redacted] (protect), [redacted]
 California, [redacted]

Efforts were made to locate credit cards for
 GALE with the Richfield Oil Company, Mobile Oil Company,
 and Standard Oil Companies in Los Angeles, with negative
 results.

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GALE has recently been involved in activities in the Lancaster, California, area indicating he is possibly associated with individuals who recently burned a business establishment owned by a Negro.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office is conducting an investigation concerning this matter and have interviewed GALE. GALE is not receptive to contacts by law enforcement officers and in view of the above information indicating he was in the Lancaster, California, area on or about 9/16, 17/63, Los Angeles does not contemplate an interview with him at this time.

Interviews with employees at Wadell and Reed do not appear appropriate inasmuch as GALE is allegedly manager of that office.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)

From: Director, FBI (62-105253)

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS

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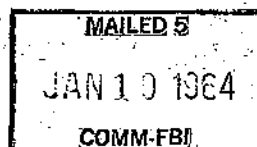
Reurairtel 1/7/64 captioned, "Bapbomb."

Page two of reairtel sets forth that Gale has recently been involved in activities in the Lancaster, California, area indicating he is possibly associated with individuals who recently bombed business establishments owned by a Negro. *B*

Immediately advise date and caption of communication furnishing this information to the Bureau. Advise what investigation is being conducted by your office to runout this information. Advise identity of associates of Gale involved in this activity.

The investigation concerning Gale must not be pursued in a routine fashion, but every effort should be made to definitely pinpoint his associates and what activities Gale and his associates are engaged in. Insure that information developed on Gale and his associates is furnished locally to U. S. Secret Service.

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NOTE: Gale is a retired U. S. Army Lt. Colonel who has an Army medical history of psychoneurosis. Gale advised a source of the Bureau, [redacted]

in California, [redacted]

[redacted] This information was furnished to the Attorney General and to the White House on 6/7/63. The Department, by letter 9/17/63, indicated that the statements by Gale appeared to suggest a conspiracy to murder certain Federal officers. LA has been following the activity of Gale and a report has been submitted to the Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 1/13/64

FROM : LOS ANGELES (157-571)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
William P. Gale, William Gale,
Colonel William P. Gale
RACIAL MATTERS.
(OO: LA)

ReBuairtel, 12/10/63, captioned "TRAVEL OF THE
PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies
of a LHM prepared in accordance with instructions in
referenced Bureau airtel. One copy of the LHM is being
furnished to Secret Service, U. S. Treasury Department,
Los Angeles, California.

The first source referred to in the LHM is [redacted] b6
The second and third sources are [redacted] b7C
The information attributed to them is found in Los Angeles b7D
file 157-641-1. The fourth source is [redacted]
[redacted] California, who furnished the information
attributed to him to SA STEPHEN L. DURKIN on 9/12/63. The
information furnished by [redacted] is maintained in Los Angeles
file 157-697-1.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California
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MRS. WILLIAM POTTER GALE,
Also Known As
William P. Gale, William Gale,
Colonel William P. Gale

On March 28, 1960, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised information had been received concerning the California Rangers to the effect that William P. Gale was soliciting members to join this organization. He is reported to have stated that the purpose of the organization was to develop 20,000 fully armed and trained men who could be put into the streets of Los Angeles, California, within six hours after an emergency.

On April 18, 1963, a second and third source, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised in substance that Colonel Gale from the Los Angeles area was scheduled to go to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Information furnished to these sources by [REDACTED] indicated Gale was scheduled to address [REDACTED] and Wallace (see Appendix) at their meeting of [REDACTED] and possibly would [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (see Appendix) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
was also reported to have stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On July 3, 1963, Josephine ~~G~~ Gale, 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, former wife of William Potter Gale, advised that her former husband is manager of Wadell and Reed, an investment business, 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, which business is engaged in selling a stock known as "United Funds." At that time he was reported to be living in either Lancaster, California, or with his sister, Ruth Halle, 4021 Stevely Avenue, Los Angeles 8, California, telephone AX 5-9730.

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On September 12, 1963, a fourth source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability, advised he had been associated with an individual by the name of [redacted] was affiliated with a group of people who advocated genocide of the Negroes and Jews. This source stated that after attending a meeting with [redacted] he was invited to the home of Colonel William Gale and while there noted that all in attendance were armed. He said that Gale brags that the police cannot do anything about him carrying a gun because the Constitution states that a citizen can bear arms. This group at Gale's home are said to have discussed how they could acquire firearms and make Molotov cocktails.

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The military service record for Gale at the Military Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri, reflects he was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 30, 1950. The record contains a Disposition Board Proceedings for Officers dated February 14, 1949, at the McCormick General Hospital, Pasadena, California, which indicates "---he was evacuated to the US in April, 1944, and sent to Letterman General Hospital, where on 13 April 1944, a diagnosis of psychoneurosis, anxiety state, moderately severe, manifested by abdominal pain, indigestion, weakness, insomnia, cause undetermined was made---"

A description of Gale is set forth as follows:

Name:	William Potter Gale
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Address:	1440 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California
Birth data:	November 20, 1916, St. Paul, Minnesota
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	140 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Education:	Four years of college
Relatives:	
Father:	MRS. A. R. S. Charles Gale
Mother:	Mary A. Gale ; Gale is reported to be living with his mother in Lancaster, California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: : SAC, Los Angeles (Your file 157-571) DATE: 6/10/64FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 62-105253)Room No. 2268

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS☒ Post in file and
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(For SOG use
only)☐ 1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.☒ STATUS Re interview of GALE.

☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted
☐ report ☐ 90-day progress letter ☒ will be submitted

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry

☒ 5. Submit ☐ airtel ☐ letter
☐ report ☐ letterhead memo

by _____

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top of this copy)

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Date: 1/14/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)(P)

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RM
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re airtel from Bureau to Los Angeles dated
1/10/64.

Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 11/27/63 captioned "CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka Ku Klux Klan Activities, Lancaster - Palmdale, California Area. RM", Bufile 157-1127, Los Angeles file 157-712, sets forth information concerning GALE's association with persons in the Lancaster, California area who were possibly responsible for burning a place of business owned by a Negro.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office (LASO) is conducting investigation in this matter and has interviewed GALE as indicated in the Letterhead Memorandum transmitted with referenced airtel in Los Angeles file 157-712.

Close liaison is being maintained with the LASO in this matter.

The Los Angeles Office has a source who is among GALE's associates in Lancaster.

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BY SP1 AGHAR

LA 157-571

A report is being submitted in Los Angeles File 157-712 which will include the details of GALE's activities in the Lancaster area.

This matter is being followed closely and the Bureau will be advised of developments.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. Will follow GALE's activities with all organizations with which he is associated and determine the developments by the LASO concerning identification of the persons responsible for burning the place of business in Lancaster.

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Date: 1/22/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)
SAC, JACKSONVILLE
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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning an organization known as the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, "Awake," alleged to have been organized by GALE. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished Jacksonville and Washington Field because of investigation being requested of those offices.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished the 115th INTC, Region II, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office reflect no information identifiable with Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated; GORDON E. SMALL; "Task Force;" and "Awake."

There is a reference in Los Angeles file 157-594 concerning an organization known as "Task Force," about which New Orleans furnished information to the Bureau by airtel dated 6/7/63. This organization appears to pertain to the Congress of Racial Equality and is not the same organization referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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Los Angeles file 161-78-201 concerns information reported on 11/6/51 concerning a pamphlet entitled "Awake," which does not appear to be identical with the information in the letterhead memorandum.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is PCI [redacted] aka., Los Angeles file [redacted]

For the benefit of the Bureau, additional information concerning GALE is set forth in report of SA JOHN EDWARD DAILEY dated 1/20/64 at Los Angeles, California, entitled "CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, aka. Ku Klux Klan; RACIAL MATTERS," Los Angeles file 157-712.

LEADS

JACKSONVILLE

AT ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA: Will develop background information about the Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated, the publication known as "Task Force," the subscriber to Post Office Box 1677, and pertinent information concerning GORDON E. SMALL.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.: Will furnish Los Angeles pertinent information concerning the Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated, of Washington, D. C., referred to in the letterhead memorandum.

LOS ANGELES

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Will report developments of the organization known as "Awake" and the activities of WILLIAM POTTER GALE concerning this and other organizations with which he is associated.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California
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WILLIAM POTTER GALE

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available information pertaining to an organization by the name of the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, also known as "Awake," which is believed to have originated with William Potter Gale, Lancaster, California.

Pertinent portions of the information furnished by source are set forth as follows:

"OPERATION 'AWAKE'"

"The DEFENSE DIVISION of the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, CHRISTIAN has been established with the short title 'AWAKE', representing the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists.

"Organizational Structure:

"A National Command Headquarters has been established. The continental limits of the United States is divided into four (4) Zones, each consisting of a certain number of States and each commanded by a Zone Commander of AWAKE.

"A National Chaplain has been established and the Chaplain General appoints all Zone, State and District Chaplains and supervises the Education Department of AWAKE.

"Each State will contain an AWAKE militia - 'A militia being necessary for the security of a free STATE, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'

"The AWAKE militia of each State will be directed by a State Commander and necessary staff. U. S. Congressional Districts with their political subdivision numerical identities will contain AWAKE District Poses, each to be identified by the political subdivision number of their respective State Congressional Districts. (i.e. the 22nd Congressional District of California will contain California District Posse No. 22). State Commanders will be appointed by the respective Zone Commanders.

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"Each District Posse will consist of any number of CHAPELS, each Chapel consisting of thirteen (13) men (a squad) plus the wives or adult female members of their families. Each individual will be known as a Christian soldier. Participation is limited to Christians of the white race. Initially, Chapel Leaders might be appointed by Area Coordinators until District Posse commanders are operable, at which time the District Posse commanders may appoint Chapel Leaders. (each Chapel constitutes a 'tape group' under the AWAKE Education Department).

"Each CHAPEL will constitute Committees as follows:

"(1) ANTI-CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - will investigate anti-Christian activities in the Chapel's local community and maintain records and data of such activities for use by the District Posse.

"(2) COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - is responsible for coordinating communications and communications equipment.

"(3) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE - is responsible for coordinating the supply and maintenance of equipment as required by the Chapel. This includes coordination with District Posse commander for establishment of emergency assembly areas and evacuation routes.

"(4) EDUCATION COMMITTEE - is responsible for acquisition and distribution of educational material, receipt and routing of the Education Department tapes and conduct of weekly Chapel meetings.

"(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE - is responsible for the collection and distribution of Chapel funds as directed.

"A National Education Department of AWAKE has been constituted for the provision of educational material to all Chapels and functions under the supervision of the Chaplain General.

"A National Law Department of AWAKE has been constituted and appoints a Church Attorney General to supervise the Law Department. Zone Commanders appoint Zone Church Attorneys;

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State Commanders appoint State Church Attorneys and Posse District commanders appoint Posse District Church Attorneys. All Church Attorneys are under the technical supervision of the National Law Department and under the command supervision of their respective levels. Each should be a member of his respective Bar.

"Each CHAPEL Leader is required to become a dues paying member of the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC. of Washington, D.C. and thereby receive the Publication TASK FORCE as educational material for his respective CHAPEL.. The Education Department of AWAKE will forward two tape recordings per week to each CHAPEL for use in weekly CHAPEL meetings.

"Financing: AWAKE will be self-financing. Each Christian soldier and participant of a CHAPEL should pledge tithes and offerings of at least Two Dollars per month. Life membership in AWAKE may be obtained by an offering of One Thousand Dollars. The Education Department should receive the initial Fifteen Dollars of tithes and offerings monthly from each CHAPEL to cover the minimum cost of tapes. Additional tithes and offerings may be forwarded to expand the Education Department's activities and as Church offerings. The balance of funds based upon the minimum pledge will be forwarded to Zone Commanders for distribution and payment of evangelist missionary expenses of National Headquarters, Zone Headquarters, State Headquarters and the District Posses.

"Oath: All participants in AWAKE will be required to take an oath as prescribed in future instructions.

"Recruitment: It is recommended that Zone Commanders appoint area or regional organizers or coordinators until such time as qualified State Commanders might be appointed. Coordinators should be paid for their work on a basis of One Dollar per person per month. Report forms will be used by Coordinators designating the CHAPELS they organize, thence funds can be appropriated monthly from tithes and offerings to the account of the coordinator. This method should entice good men to work hard and also provide the inducement toward speedy organization. A 'Guide' for Coordinators will be prepared for distribution.

"WPG."

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"AWAKE GUIDE FOR AREA COORDINATORS

"AWAKE Coordinators are assigned to one or more Congressional Districts as their respective areas of responsibility.

"The CHAPEL is the basic unit of AWAKE and should be the point of initial concentration for a Coordinator. A Chapel Leader should first be sought from the personal acquaintances of the Area Coordinator. This Leader should be trustworthy and dependable. Upon formation of a Chapel, the Area Coordinator should report such information to Zone Hq., Addressed: P.O. Box 911, Lancaster, California, Attn: Col. W.P. Gale. Only the Name, Address and Telephone Number of a Chapel Leader need be reported along with the Chapel Number (see next paragraph). A group of Chapels should first be formed before much effort is directed toward selection of a District Posse Commander for the Congressional District. In the event a Coordinator feels that a District Posse Commander can first be appointed who will voluntarily form a number of CHAPELS in his Posse District, then this decision is left with the Coordinator.

"Awake Area Coordinators need not maintain a record of the individual names of Christian soldiers who participate in Chapels, but the number of participants should be known to the Coordinator. Each Chapel should be designated by the basic number of the Congressional District with a 'dash' number commencing with the number 1. (Chapel 22-1, 22-2 etc for the 22nd Posse District).

"Chapel Leaders should be instructed to forward their Chapel tithes and offerings monthly (the first day of each month) to P.O. Box 911, Lancaster, California, Attn: Col. W.P. Gale. Tithes and offerings of each Chapel should be accompanied by a brief report identifying the Chapel by number and indicating the number of participants. This report will permit proper crediting to the account of the Area Coordinator.

"Chapel Leaders are required to subscribe to the publication of the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC. This publication is known as TASK FORCE. Rates are \$5.00 per year and subscriptions should be forwarded to TASK FORCE, P. O. Box 1677, Ormond Beach, Florida, Attn: Mr. Gordon E. Small.

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"Area Coordinators should schedule regular meetings with CHAPEL Leaders until such time as sufficient District Posse commanders are appointed who will then maintain this coordination. At that time, the Area Coordinator may schedule meetings with Posse District commanders. These meetings may be semi-monthly and at least monthly. State Commanders will maintain coordination meetings with Area Coordinators and Zone Headquarters.

"Note on Communications: Each CHAPEL should strive toward acquisition of Citizen Band transceivers or participants who are HAM radio operators. The small Walkie-Talkie radio transceivers should be acquired by as many persons as possible. Channels 7 or 9 are usually installed in these.

"WPG

"Age of AWAKE Chapel participants. - There are no official age restrictions but the over-all purpose of AWAKE should be recognized by all leadership and the Chapels should correspond to the purpose. 18 to 80 is appropriate. It is suggested that Chapel Leaders form YOUTH GROUPS as an adjunct to the weekly conduct of Chapel affairs. WE NEED TO REACH THE YOUTH OF AMERICA! These youth groups may meet separately from the regular Chapel meetings or they can be conducted simultaneously, depending upon the local conditions such as availability of space, etc. The youth groups should initially be limited to the educational material and upon each youth's approach to a mature understanding of the problems, each one can be considered individually for graduation to an active role in a Chapel or formation of new Chapels with a majority of youth as participants. In all cases, mature adult leadership should be maintained where a majority of the Chapel is of a young age. It might be well to consider youth groups under the age of 18 years as Chapel STUDY GROUPS. There are exceptions for individual cases and these exceptions are at the discretion of the Chapel Leaders and the Area Coordinators. Youth tape study groups are essential!

"The possibility of a 'questionnaire' for prospective Chapel members might arise. This can be answered with a strong suggestion that the less red tape the better. Once Chapels

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commence the AWAKE educational material, a process of elimination should be expected. The basic requirements for participants being white Christians should suffice. Occasionally the enemy poses as such and infiltrates. In these instances, the 'message' will obtain reactions and it has been our experience that this reaction to the truth exposes the infiltration to the true participants. It might be mentioned here that some Chapels might initially be formed with all 'hard-core' - but this is not expected. We feel that the educational material, presented over a reasonable period of time, will DEVELOP hard core. This results from separation of the weak-kneed and filling up with others who become strong as a result of the true Christian teachings presented by AWAKE. Area coordinators should develop methods for constant evaluation of each Chapel and Chapel Leaders. Do not hesitate to replace weakness with strength. Use diplomatic methods for removing weak Chapel leadership by rotation of assignments within the Chapels. Constant attention should be given to functioning of the internal Chapel committees as outlined for the Chapels. This keeps participants busy, as well as providing the action necessary for evaluation and testing.

"Some might feel that 2½ hours of tape recordings is too much. This may be true for initiates - and then again it may not be so. This is a matter for analysis on each local level. We have many groups who spend as much as 5 and 6 hours listening to these tapes. Some cannot get enough after they have once started hearing them. If Chapel meetings commence at 7:30 or 8:00 PM, all can be home at 11:00 PM or even 10:00 PM if desirable. The average JBS Chapter meets until after midnight and no one seems to complain. This can be left to the discretion of the local Chapel - and tapes can be played on other than meeting nights at the homes of individuals if they so desire. Zig or Zag - but let the Word be heard.

"Publicizing the background of AWAKE leadership. - This can be better accomplished by word of mouth if at all, and even then carefully. In this fight against communism, the leadership should be protected as much as possible. We also should recognize that our leader is Jesus Christ and this can be the reply to inquisitive people.

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"Instruction Booklet. As time permits, we will prepare instruction booklets and guides for AWAKE operations. Initially, we should just 'get going' - because time's awastin'. Some people need detailed and itemized guidance. Others are self-starters. Right now, we need the self-starters - those who can read and analyze a project memo. If all AWAKE coordinators use the material they now have, all AWAKE Chapels will be on the same track. Flexibility should be maintained to meet the needs of different local conditions. The weekly flow of educational material to the Chapels will also assist in maintaining all along certain guide lines.

"A question might arise regarding the 13 participants per Chapel, and their female or other adult members of their families. Where there are previously organized groups with less than the 13 families, the previous set-up need not be disturbed. Simply lay the AWAKE program over the top and spread out on the AWAKE project while keeping the previous group as a separate entity for its original purpose. Let the newcomers come into a separate project and not even be aware of previous projects. The THIRTEEN is our number. See the Great Seal of the United States of America.

"We cannot expect full complement Chapels initially. They should start as smaller groups and fill in to the full complement as they grow with the educational program of AWAKE. Do not attempt restrictions in the area of denomination. Our purpose is to UNITE ALL WHITE CHRISTIANS, regardless of their sect or denomination. This is what Satan and his children fear! Satan and his kids like to keep white Christians (God's people) fighting amongst themselves and these denominations are used for that purpose. We must expect certain rebuffs from those individuals who have been subjected to error in their theological backgrounds. Whether or not they remain in their previous denomination after they hear the truth is an individual matter. The Chapel will no doubt replace the pulpit of many a phoney who is NOT preaching 'THUS SAYETH THE LORD'.

"Contact any local radio enthusiast or radio repair shop for info on Citizen Band radio sets. The Walkie Talkie sets also. Mobile sets are available for cars, with crystals for all

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channels. This will be a subject for an AWAKE booklet in the future but is flexible. No problem should exist on this subject if initiative is used.

"It is hoped that the above material can be helpful to Area Coordinators. Please do not hesitate to submit questions and seek assistance from Zone Hq. God bless you all. Let's SAVE AMERICA!

"WPG"

Attached to the above information were reports directed to "Col. W.P. Gale - P.O. Box 911, Lancaster, California," entitled "AWAKE CHAPEL FORMATION REPORT."

The above source also advised that the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), also known as Ku Klux Klan, held an initiation in Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963, at which approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. Wesley Albert Swift, Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, Lancaster, California, presided at this meeting and defined the objectives of the organization as preserving the Constitution of the United and the white race and to fight communism. The members were furnished white cloth robes and white cloth hoods with eye holes and instructed to wear the robes and firearms to subsequent meetings.

Source stated that the over-all structure of CKIE was as follows:

"FIRST FRONT" - This is the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and from its faithful members are recruited members for the

"SECOND FRONT" - This is the AWAKE MOVEMENT, and from this group are selected the more militant members who will comprise the

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"THIRD FRONT" - This will be the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, which will have the outward impression of a political-religious group not interested in violence and from this group will be selected the most militant for the

"INNER DEN" - These persons will be the members of the CKIE who commit acts of violence."

Source stated that Swift and Gale have been having a struggle for power over who will actually control the local organization, which resulted in a violent argument and a decision by them to split into two groups. Gale is to control "AWAKE" and Swift is to assume the leadership of an organization known as the Christian Defense League.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 1/31/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/11/63 - 1/22/64
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA EDWIN F. DOOLEY	TYPED BY rkr
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 7/24/63 at Los Angeles; *see 14*
 Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 10/11/63 at Los Angeles;
 San Diego letter to Los Angeles dated 10/15/63; *20*
 Los Angeles letter to San Diego dated 11/22/63; *20*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

No active investigation of BERTRAND L. COMPARET has been conducted by the San Diego Office. The information set forth in this report was obtained from a review of the references to COMPARET in the files of the San Diego Office.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:

SA EDWIN F. DOOLEY

Office:

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January 31, 1964

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Synopsis:

BERTRAND L. COMPARET was active in Anglo-American Bible Study Group in San Diego in 1947, 1958, and 1959. Director of Anglo Saxon Christian Congregation, chartered 9/7/48. Reported to have received legal fees and expenses from Christian Nationalist Party in 1952 and 1956. At meetings of Anglo-American Bible Study Group, attended by COMPARET, Dr. WESLEY SWIFT delivered anti-Negro and anti-Semitic speeches. COMPARET authored numerous leaflets condemning, from a religious standpoint, communism, the United Nations, and integration. One leaflet claims that Anglo-Saxons and Scandinavians are true Israelites. COMPARET has permit to carry concealed weapon and owns four or five weapons.

DETAILS: On June 25, 1947, BERTRAND L. COMPARET, then of the City Attorney's Office, San Diego, attended a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group at the auditorium of the YMCA and introduced Dr. WESLEY SWIFT. Dr. SWIFT in his speech stated that the Anglo-Saxon race is the supreme race and is destined to rule the universe. He quoted numerous passages from the Bible to prove his contention concerning the Anglo-Saxon race, and stated that the inevitable conflict which is coming is prophesied in the Bible. He pointed out that our enemies are the Russians, the communists, the Jews and the Negroes.

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The informant stated Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, according to the April 10, 1945 issue of the Los Angeles Examiner, was a Lancaster minister and KKK lecturer.

(SD T-1, June 29, 1947)

On December 13, 1958, SD T-5 advised that the Anglo-American Bible Study Group was an affiliate of GERALD L. K. SMITH's Christian Nationalist Party.

For characterization of Christian Nationalist Party see characterization of Christian Nationalist Crusade set forth in Appendix.

On July 10, 1947, BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield Street, San Diego, introduced Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT at a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group held at the YMCA in San Diego. At this meeting Dr. SWIFT expressed anti-Jewish and anti-Negro sentiments and predicted a serious conflict between the Jews and Negroes led by the communists and the Anglo-Saxon race. He read a list of names of Jewish people holding political positions with the U. S. Government and stated that none of these had been voted into office.

(SD T-1, July 12, 1947)

On December 20, 1948, [redacted] advised that Dr. WESLEY SWIFT held weekly meetings at Dartlee Hall on Sixth Street. He said that SWIFT makes numerous anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic statements and is accompanied by armed body guards. He said that SWIFT's organization, "The Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation", was chartered in Los Angeles on September 17, 1948, and that BERTRAND COMPARET was one of the three directors of this organization.

The July 7, 1950, issue of "Point" magazine lists B. COMPARET as Co-Director of the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation.

A San Diego Police Department report received September 28, 1950, disclosed that at a meeting on September 21, 1950, at Dartlee Hall, BERTRAND COMPARET introduced Dr. WESLEY SWIFT. COMPARET said that he had been asked to speak to the

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Hollywood Taxpayers Association on September 25, 1950, and that two years ago he would not have been asked, but people now want to hear him. COMPARET then read a long list of names of convicted spies, all of whom had Jewish names or were of Jewish origin using other names.

A financial report filed by the Christian Nationalist Party, a subsidiary of the Christian Nationalist Crusade, with the Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives for the period from January 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953, reflected payment of \$778.56 to B. COMPARET, San Diego, California, for attorney's fees, legal fees, and expenses. It also listed \$327.00 to B. COMPARET for meeting halls and expenses.

A characterization of the Christian Nationalist Crusade is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

GERALD L. K. SMITH on January 31, 1956, contacted the Hotel Congressional, Washington, D. C., to make reservations for Mr. and Mrs. BERTRAND COMPARET of San Diego, California, who would arrive in Washington on February 20, 1956. SMITH said that the COMPARETs would stay at the hotel at the expense of the Christian Nationalist Crusade and that he was the National Director of this organization. He authorized the COMPARETs to sign their names to food checks and the basic hotel bill, which would be paid by the Christian Nationalist Crusade.

(SD T-2, February 10, 1956)

In a report filed with the Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives by the Christian Nationalist Party for the period from January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956, it was reflected that B. L. COMPARET of San Diego, California, was paid \$125.00 for meeting halls and expenses; \$952.24 for legal fees and costs; \$2,000.00 as a trustee fee; and \$450.00 for traveling expenses.

At a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group on November 20, 1958, BERTRAND L. COMPARET introduced the principal speaker, Reverend WESLEY SWIFT, Pastor of the Lancaster Church of Christ Christian.

(SD T-3, November 24, 1958)

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BERTRAND L. COMPARET attended a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group on December 18, 1958, addressed by Reverend WESLEY A. SWIFT. He urged that contributions to the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian be as generous as possible to cover his many trips. In his talk he spoke against the mongrelization of the race.

(SD T-4, December 22, 1958)
(SD T-3, December 22, 1958)

In January, 1959, BERTRAND L. COMPARET in a discussion at [redacted] talked about Zionist and Marxist Jews, using passages from the Bible to show they were dangerous to the welfare of the country. Concerning the Teutonic Knights, COMPARET said that he is against any such organization operating in an underground manner, adding that he was against violence of any kind. He said that officially GERALD L. K. SMITH was keeping his "hands off" the Constitution Party because, while he was sympathetic with it, he felt that his association would harm it.

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(SD T-5, February 9, 1959)

At a meeting held at Dartlee Hall on January 29, 1959, BERTRAND COMPARET introduced the principal speaker, Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT. The topic of SWIFT's talk was "Are All Races Descended From Noah?" At the meeting those present were given an envelope marked, "Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, General Offering."

(SD T-4, February 3, 1959)

A meeting was held at Dartlee Hall on February 19, 1959. At this meeting BERTRAND L. COMPARET introduced Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, who spoke in opposition to race mixing.

(SD T-5, February 20, 1959)

At a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group at Dartlee Hall on February 26, 1959, COMPARET was among forty persons present.

(SD T-5, February 27, 1959)

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On March 19, 1959, BERTRAND L. COMPARET introduced Reverend WESLEY SWIFT at a meeting of the Anglo-American Bible Study Group held at Dartlee Hall. At this meeting SWIFT said that in the event of a war with the communists, the Jews and Negroes would help the communists.

(SD T-6, March 20, 1959)

In September, 1960, BERTRAND COMPARET had 500 copies of a leaflet entitled, "The Palace of Strangers" reproduced. This leaflet was prepared by COMPARET and is critical of the United Nations. At the end of the leaflet is printed, "The Voice of Truth, Box 871, Los Angeles 53, California". The leaflet condemns Communism and Communist Russia.

(SD T-7, September 10, 1960)

In October, 1960, BERTRAND COMPARET had reproduced 1,000 copies of his leaflet "God Commands Racial Segregation".

(SD T-7, October 18, 1960)

On November 9, 1960, COMPARET paid for the reproduction of his leaflet, "The Palace of Strangers", by a check on the Colorado-Virginia Office, First Western Bank and Trust Company, Pasadena, California, signed, Voice of Truth, [REDACTED]

(SD T-7, November 9, 1960)

In February, 1961, the informant furnished a copy of a leaflet entitled, "The Hydrogen Bomb in Bible Prophecy" and the leaflet, "Squandering Our Birthright". Both of these leaflets were prepared by BERTRAND L. COMPARET for the Voice of Truth, Box 871, Los Angeles 53, California.

(SD T-7, February 13, 1961)

In June, 1961, the informant furnished a leaflet entitled, "Israel's Fingerprints" and a leaflet entitled, "The Jewish Trials of Jesus Christ", both written by BERTRAND L. COMPARET for the Voice of Truth. "Israel's Fingerprints" describes Anglo Saxons and Scandinavians as true Israelites.

(SD T-7, June 29, 1961)

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On March 21, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] stated he had talked to a [redacted] [redacted] informed that [redacted] advised he had attended meetings at the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian on El Cajon Boulevard and that the head of this church is BERTRAND L. COMPARET. [redacted] stated that the church believed Anglo-Saxons are true Israelites and that all Jews are false Israelites or Edomites and physical children of the devil, enemies of God, and should be destroyed by the sword. Further that members must hate the Jews and Indians, as well as Negroes, and that orientals must be slaves.

According to [redacted] stated they had groups that were storing guns and ammunition for the purpose of killing the Jews and were also raising an army.

On April 24, 1963, SD T-8 advised that her mother had received, through the mail, a package containing a number of pamphlets authored by BERTRAND L. COMPARET. She said that these pamphlets bore such titles as, "Man and Beast", "Go@ Commands Racial Segregation", and "Your Heritage". According to the pamphlets, copies were available from BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield Avenue, San Diego 16, California.

Law Enforcement Records

On January 22, 1964, [redacted] Lieutenant, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised that BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 4930 Mansfield, has a permit to carry a concealed weapon. According to the records he owns the following weapons:

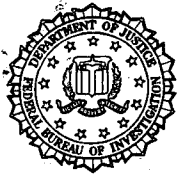
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Number 114681
3. Smith & Wesson Revolver .38 caliber
Number 39885
4. Smith & Wesson Revolver .38 caliber
Number 5-74007

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The latest permit was issued on May 28, 1963, at which time COMPARET was described as 62 years of age, 5' 8" tall, 185 pounds, blue eyes and gray hair.

On January 22, 1964, Lieutenant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, advised his records reflect that BERTRAND L. COMPARET purchased a .22 caliber automatic number 6860 on August 18, 1950.

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San Diego, California
January 31, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. SD 100-13121

Title WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA EDWIN F. DOOLEY
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-444)(RUC)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka.
RM
OO: LOS ANGELES

DATE: 1/31/64

Reference is made to Miami airtel to the Bureau, 12/10/63, in which Mobile was requested to furnish any information concerning [redacted] Investigation of [redacted] is being made in the case entitled [redacted] and information developed concerning him will be furnished to pertinent offices.

Birmingham airtel, 12/31/63 requested Mobile to advise if any information is available concerning a [redacted]

Mobile Office by letter dated 12/9/63 advised Los Angeles that contacts with racial informants at Montgomery had not developed any information concerning GALE being in Montgomery during September of 1963.

If further information is received concerning this matter, appropriate offices will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 2/3/64

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-707) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Los Angeles)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 1/22/64.

The following information concerning the "Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc." and "Task Force" was furnished the Bureau, New York, Newark, and Baltimore offices by airtel 1/10/64 under the caption "PEDRO A. DEL VALLE, RACIAL MATTERS."

It is being submitted for the information of the Los Angeles Office.

On the letterhead for the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, Inc., it is shown that its headquarters and publication office is P.O. Box 1677, Ormond Beach, Florida, and GORDON E. SMALL is the Publication Manager. The officers listed as P.A. DEL VALLE, Lt. General, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, President; [redacted] Vice President and Editorial Consultant; and MERRITT B. CURTIS, Lt. General, USMC, Retired, Secretary and General Counsel.

TASK FORCE is a publication published by the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC.

Publication Manager 113 Neptune Ave. Ormond Beach, Fla.
The records of the Daytona Beach, Florida, Credit Bureau show that GORDON E. SMALL has been in file since September, 1957, is 73 years of age, wife

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Small Mrs. Gordon E. Small
ELIZABETH, and resides at 113 Neptune Avenue, Ormond Beach, Florida. Records show SMALL is retired and that he was formerly self-employed in the restaurant business at Morristown, New Jersey. The records show SMALL came to Ormond Beach, Florida, from Smoke Rise, Butler County, N.Y., and he owns property at 22 South Ocean Street, Daytona Beach, Florida, which is valued at \$70,000. The credit records contain nothing unfavorable concerning SMALL.

Records of Daytona Beach Credit Bureau had no record identifiable P.A. DEL VALLE, [redacted] or MERRITT B. CURTIS.

The office of the Secretary of State for the State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, had no record showing the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC., was incorporated in the State of Florida.

Flow The president of the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC., Lt. Gen. PADEL VALLE, USMC, retired, resides at 41 Cornhill Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

Pedro H. Del Valle
One copy of this communication is being furnished WFO for information in that investigation is being conducted by that office concerning the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC., of Washington, D.C.

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

ReMiami 2-3-64 with accompanying letterhead memorandum.

You should conduct appropriate inquiries to determine the extent of activities of this group and determine whether an organization actually exists which is carrying on meetings. In this regard, you should consider the criteria for investigation of certain organizations as outlined in Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions. Thereafter, you should submit your recommendations as to whether this organization should be the subject of a Bureau investigation.

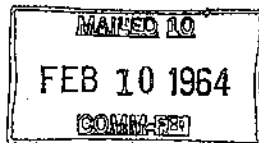
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NOTE:

A new group to be known as the Christian Defense League appears to be starting in California. The return address being used by the group is that of Dr. Wesley Swift's Ministry, Inc., P. O. Box 911, Lancaster, California. Dr. Swift is a long-time associate of Gerald L. K. Smith of the Christian Nationalist Crusade who has published anti-Semitic literature for a number of years. Los Angeles is being instructed to look into the formation of this new group since the organization is a divisive one calling only upon white Christian Americans to join.



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FROM SAC, MIAMI (157-new) (RUC)

Date Forw. FEB 7 1964

RE CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, aka
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OO: Los AngelesHow Forw. *AS*By *phl - bgl*

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum, which has attached to it a letter dated January 23, 1964, addressed to, "Dear Christian", and signed R. G. BUTLER. Three copies are enclosed for Los Angeles.

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] It is noted that [redacted] made available for xeroxing on 2/2/64, the letter which is attached to the letterhead memorandum.

It is noted the letter was mailed on January 28, 1964, at Lancaster, California, addressed to [redacted] Florida, and the return address on the envelope was noted as Dr. WESLEY SWIFT'S MINISTRY, INC. P.O. Box 911, Lancaster, California.

[redacted] stated he has listened to tape recordings made by Dr. SWIFT in which SWIFT made reference to the Christian Defense League. In view of this he requested [redacted] to contact SWIFT and inquire as to the Christian Defense League.

It is noted that the Miami indices are negative with reference to the Christian Defense League.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
February 3, 1964

RE: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

On February 2, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information that could not be verified or corroborated, made available a letter dated January 23, 1964, addressed to "Dear Christian", and signed R. G. Butler, National Director. The letter is on the stationery of the "Christian Defense League", 617 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, 14, California. The envelope containing letter was mailed in Lancaster, California, at 4:30 PM. on January 29, 1964, and contained the return address of Dr. Wesley Swift's Ministry, Inc., Post Office Box 911, Lancaster, California.

A xerox copy of this letter is attached to this memorandum.

According to the source, the Christian Defense League (CDL) is a front for Dr. Wesley Swift, who advocates, "anti-integration and anti-Jew" and is dedicated to the white christian supremacy". The source stated that this is his opinion and he has no facts which would substantiate his statement.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Christian Defense League

617 SOUTH OLIVE STREET • LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

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January 23, 1964 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 10/5/88 BY SP1A6/TAC
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Dear Christian:

As you know, Dr. Swift is greatly interested in the Christian Defense League, and has kept the tape audience informed of plans. We have asked him to forward this letter to those whom he feels will want to participate in the work of the Christian Defense League.

As an enlightened patriot, we know you are ready for the program to unite Christians into a powerful force to achieve the Kingdom goal. The Christian Defense League has reached the point in its progress where your help is needed.

To bring you up to date on developments, a thirteen member Board of Directors and slate of officers are actively engaged in finalizing details for the official launching of the Christian Defense League as a national organization, the latter part of February. The entire third floor of the office building at 617 South Olive Street in downtown Los Angeles has been leased and is now being furnished. Membership Applications are ready for distribution and brochures are in process.

The Christian Defense League is non-denominational, non-sectarian and non-partisan. Although it will not sponsor political candidates, it will advocate the election of Christian representatives at all levels. The Christian Defense League is designed to put Christianity back into every phase of national life, particularly in government and education. Legal staffs, operating nationwide, will defend Christianity and Christian individuals discriminated against because of Christian stand.

In the field of education, representatives of the Christian Defense League will work with local school boards. The official stand of the League will express the wishes of Christian parents relative to policies and legislation affecting the education of their children.

As a national organization, representing the great White Christian majority in the United States, the Christian Defense League will take a public stand in all major issues in which Christian rights and principles are involved. Manufacturers and packers, many of whom pay label royalties to anti-Christian organizations, will be asked to carry the Cross and Shield symbol, contributing to Christian causes in proportion to Christian purchasing power.

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"Thou shalt not abridge these freedoms which God has given us."

The educational division, with access to some of the most complete libraries in the world, equipped with thoroughly trained research personnel, will provide documented, substantiative evidence for legal staffs and for Christian Defense League members engaged in research activities. Authoritative educational material will be available on subjects basic to the understanding of man as they relate to this day in which we live. Some of these are archaeology, anthropology, geology, science, historical and biblical writings, their origins and translations, astronomy, constitutional law, and many others.

Christian workers throughout America provide a clipping service, giving complete coverage of news in every community. Intelligence reports from here and abroad furnish enlightenment on developments of great significance. The CDL bulletin will report to members from these compiled news sources, providing an unprecedented reporting service.

Christian Buyer's Directories will be published in all areas, to strengthen the economy of Christian Americans.

We know the Christian Defense League is the answer to the unification of Christians in America to the regaining of freedoms we have lost, to the establishment of justice under the Christian laws and constitution which made this greatest of nations.

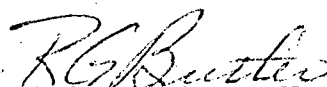
These are some of the highlights ... details are being worked out for many programs and projects in which members can participate. We have progressed to the point where we need your full support in "operation expansion." The Christian Defense League, crossing all denominational lines, embraces White Christians who subscribe to the teachings and instructions of Jesus Christ. You can help by soliciting the memberships of friends, both those on the tape circuits and those who are not.

Annual membership fee is \$12.00 and is by application. Upon acceptance of the member by the national headquarters office, membership cards will be mailed. Lifetime membership is \$1,000.00 and for this or larger contribution, a beautiful bronze plaque will be given.

Workers are needed at every level, including Congressional District Leaders. If you, or someone you can recommend can devote time to organizing and training workers in your area, please advise, and we will be in touch at once. The Application forms, with receipt stubs, are in books of 12, are perforated and numbered for proper recording.

Looking forward to hearing from you, we are,

Yours for a Christian America,



R.G. Butler, National Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 3/2/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-571) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO:LA)

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ReLAairtel to Director dated 1/22/64.

A review of WFO file #157-257 reflects that by communication dated 8/19/63, the Dallas Office advised that a postcard postmarked 8/15/63, at Pharr, Texas, was sent to the Chief of Police, Grand Prairie, Texas. The card was a call to all "patriots" to "organize into action groups" to fight the "communist plot," a term applied to the proposed "March on Washington, 8/28/63." Recipients of the cards were requested to protest to their senators and congressmen, to reproduce and further distribute the material and obtain additional literature from headquarters of the organization.

WFO files reflect that the President of the Defenders of the American Constitution, which was sponsoring the above move, to be Lieutenant General P. A. DEL VALLE, United States Marine Corps (USMC) retired; [redacted] Secretary, Brigadier General MERITT D. CURTIS, USMC retired. DEL VALLE's address was listed as 41 Corn Hill Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

On 2/18/64, a review of the records of the District of Columbia Office of Corporations reflected a certificate of corporation #36952, dated 7/24/53, for an organization called Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated. The term for which the organization was organized was listed as being perpetual and the following objects of the organization were listed:

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The particular business and objects of said Corporation shall be to promote, foster, and encourage the preparation, printing, publishing, and distributing of literature, books, pamphlets, magazines, periodicals, tokens, and otherwise, the sentiment and belief that the preservation of the United States Constitution, the tradition established by the Founding Fathers and the admonitions set forth by General GEORGE WASHINGTON as contained in his "Farewell Address" and in his public statements, writings, diaries and correspondence, and the American ideals of free enterprise and respect for the freedom of the individual and his security in all the rights guaranteed to him under the Constitution, including his right to own property of all kinds and description, and the preservation of the sovereignty of the several states and the republican form of government guaranteed to each by the Constitution; to create and maintain a compact representative, central agency, and sub-representatives, and sub-agencies in any and all of the several states comprising the United States; to mold public opinion, and to promote, foster, and encourage the interest of the people of the United States, and to support the aims of this Corporation as hereinbefore set forth, to compile, distribute, and disseminate information as to civic, state, and governmental matters, and such matters as may threaten them or their rights under the Constitutional guarantees as guaranteed them under the Constitution of the United States.

To print, publish, distribute, and circulate among the people, books, pamphlets, periodicals, papers, and magazines in connection with the purposes of the Corporation.

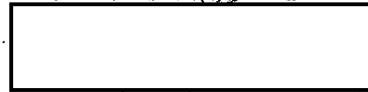
To devise, write, create, produce, publish, record, sell, and exchange programs, episodes, and continuities for radio and for television broadcasting; to act as an advertising agent and solicitor, and to carry on a general advertising business; to enter into contract and agreements with radio broadcasting stations and with television broadcasting stations; and to furnish continuities, programs, and similar materials.

To establish, maintain, own, lease, or operate, sell, or otherwise acquire broadcasting stations of every kind and description, and in connection therewith, to transmit, disseminate, distribute, receive instantaneously, or otherwise, by means of radio, electricity, magnetism, electromagnetic waves, or inanimate objects of every class and description, and in connection therewith, or otherwise, to broadcast, disseminate, distribute, transmit, retransmit, receive, or collect, by means of electricity, magnetism, or electromagnetic waves, variations, or impulses, views, entertainment, news, music, speeches, sermons, advertising, educational

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and informative matters, or any of them, or combinations of any of them, or parts of any of them, for the purpose of entertaining, instructing, educating, or informing of the person, or persons hearing or seeing the same, and to provide and furnish for the use of others, facilities for any kind of said purpose, and to hire musicians, artists, speakers, lecturers, writers for the said purposes.

Signed: P. A. DEL VALLE



A review of the Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory and the District of Columbia City Directory fails to reflect an organization called the Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated.

Inquiries at the United States Post Office, Washington, D. C., failed to reflect a general delivery box for the Defenders of the American Constitution, Incorporated.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

DATE: 2/26/64

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-966) (C)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Los Angeles

Re Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 2/10/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum dated and captioned as above. Three copies are enclosed for Los Angeles since the organization is apparently being formed in Los Angeles and it may be desirable to furnish a copy to the U.S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, in accordance with previous Bureau instructions. Also enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles are two xerox copies of a membership application pledge for the Christian Defense League. The original pledge card was returned to SOMERSETT.

The source used in the Letterhead Memorandum is

[REDACTED]

No investigation being initiated by Miami, but any information coming to the attention of the Miami Office will be furnished to Los Angeles.

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- 2 - Los Angeles (RM) (Enc. 5)
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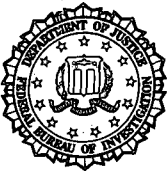
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
February 26, 1964

RE: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and in addition has furnished information that could not be verified or corroborated, furnished the following information:

On [redacted] Florida, described by the source as a "right winger" active in [redacted] by "right wing organizations," stated that he is an authorized Christian Defense League (CDL) representative in the Miami, Florida, area, with national headquarters in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] made available to the source membership application pledge numbered [redacted]. The pledge application is in two portions, one of which is used as a receipt. The membership in the CDL for one year is \$12.00. The membership application pledge reads as follows:

"I believe that Jesus is the Christ; I am of the white race; I support the lawfully adopted written constitution of the United Sovereign States of Christian America. I will uphold, defend and perpetuate my faith, my race and my country against all enemies whomsoever, both foreign and domestic, so help me God!"

On February 18, 1964, the same source advised that SIDNEY C. BARNES and his wife PAULINE, who reside at 3035 South West 19th Street, Miami, Florida, are planning to become members of the CDL. BARNES, who is described by the source as being very anti-Semitic, stated that Dr. WESLEY SWIFT and WILLIAM POTTER GALE of Lancaster, California, are promoting this organization. BARNES also indicated that the purpose of this organization is to raise money for the Defense of American Patriots.

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

2 xerox copies
membership application
pledge for League
DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, MIAMI (Miami letter to
Director, 2/26/64)

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Christian Defense League

617 South Olive Street • Los Angeles 14, California

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PLEDGE

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST; I AM OF THE WHITE RACE;
I SUPPORT THE LAWFULLY ADOPTED WRITTEN CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED SOVEREIGN STATES OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA. I WILL UPHOLD,
DEFEND AND PERPETUATE MY FAITH, MY RACE AND MY COUNTRY
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC,
SO HELP ME GOD!

SIGNATURE

PLEASE PRINT IN INK

Name in full _____ DAY _____
Address _____ MO. _____
City _____ State _____ YR _____

TWELVE DOLLARS • ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP

No.

R. _____
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No.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Christian Defense League

617 S. OLIVE ST. • L. A. 14, CALIF.

RECEIVED \$12.00 FROM:

R. _____
S. _____
L. _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

DATE: DAY _____ MO. _____ YR. _____

FOR A ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN
THE CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

ONLY VALID IF SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-12-64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: LOS ANGELESALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Re Bureau letter dated 3-6-64 captioned "KLAN ORGANIZATIONS, HATE ORGANIZATIONS AND RACIAL INFORMANTS - RACIAL MATTERS; BOMBING MATTERS."

On 2-12-64 and 3-6-64 [] made available literature concerning CDL. This literature indicates that the CDL is "non-partisan, but it will advocate the election of Christians in government at all levels, to carry out the principles of our Christian Constitution." The membership application contains the following pledge, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ; I am of the white race; I support the lawfully adopted written Constitution of the United Sovereign States of Christian America. I will uphold, defend and perpetrate my faith, my race, and my country against all enemies whatsoever, both foreign and domestic so help me God!". These leaflets made available by [] indicate that the CDL calls for Christian rights and states that to strengthen Christian economy, Christian Buyers Guides will be published in all areas, and that packagers of staple and food items now paying royalties to anti-Christian organizations by label designations, will be asked to carry the Cross and Shield symbol, contributing to Christian causes in proportion to Christian purchasing power.

At the present time the CDL maintains offices on the third floor of the Oviatt Building, 617 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California.

On 2-26-64 [] (probationary) advised SA JOHN E. DAILEY that WILLIAM POTTER GALE [] that he and WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT were no longer interested in organizations that advocated violence.

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GALE indicated to the source that SWIFT had been advised by his attorneys to avoid any violence, and that SWIFT felt that this was the only way to protect his Church of Jesus Christ, Christian. Regarding the CDL, GALE stated that he and SWIFT are part of a 13 member Board of Directors for the CDL, that GALE is being designated as the organizer for the State of California, that the United States is split up similarly to Congressional District, and that recruitment will be on a nationwide basis, the membership being \$12.00 per annum.

This source advised that the objective of the CDL will be to act as a liaison with "patriotic groups" but never to participate in any action that would mark the CDL.

In complying with the instructions of the Bureau, Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions has been reviewed and it is believed that the CDL does not fall within the category of a hate organization.

The Los Angeles Office, utilizing the services of [redacted] (probationary), will continue to follow the activities of the CDL, and in the event the policies of this organization change, Los Angeles will further investigate the activities of the organization.

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Date: March 5, 1964

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571) (P)

RE : WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka.
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Los Angeles.

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD
Date Forw. MAR 9 1964
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By *mlr* cc Org. Unit *ef 4*

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 1/22/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information regarding the disbanding of "Awake" and the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, with which GALE has been affiliated. A closing report is being submitted under the title of the CKIE by the Los Angeles Office. The Christian Defense League (CDL) is presently under investigation by Los Angeles.

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Washington Field and Jacksonville Offices, as they have pending leads outstanding.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished the 115th INTC, Region II, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California.

The source quoted is (Prob.).

Jacksonville and Washington Field discontinue.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
March 5, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WILLIAM POTTER GALE

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 26, 1964, that the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, also known as "AWAKE" has been permanently disbanded by GALE.

According to the source, GALE took this action within the past two weeks because the "AWAKE" movement was not a success, and GALE has decided to devote his time to a non-violent organization, the Christian Defense League (CDL), which has headquarters at 617 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California.

The source also advised that the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), with which GALE has been associated in the past, was also at the same time disbanded by Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, who will also devote his time to the CDL.

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Date: 3/25/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD, IS, SS
Date Forw. MAR 31 1964RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
William P. Gale, William Gale,
Colonel William P. Gale
RACIAL MATTERHow Forw. is
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(OO LOS ANGELES)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information concerning anticipated travel by GALE and the fact that he has announced his candidacy for election in the Republican Primary as Congressman from the 27th California Congressional District.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished Miami, Birmingham, and Mobile, because of the information set forth in Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 2/20/64, and the request that GALE's anticipated travel plans be determined.

One copy is being furnished Houston and Omaha because of GALE's statement that he planned to travel in the area covered by those two offices.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the 115th INTC, Region 2, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California.

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For the benefit of offices not having received previous information in this case, the following is set forth:

WILLIAM POTTER GALE, a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army, employed as manager of Wadell and Reed, a securities firm, Los Angeles, California, and serving as Assistant Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, under Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, is reported to have [REDACTED]

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On or about 3/28/60, GALE was reported to have been organizing the California Rangers to develop 20,000 fully armed and trained men who could be put into the streets of Los Angeles within six hours after an emergency.

In 1963, and 1964, GALE had been associating with a group in Lancaster, California, who in October, 1963, organized under the name of Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), with WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT as leader and GALE as one of the principal members.

On 11/10/63, [REDACTED] Lancaster, was burned by unknown individuals. GALE and members of his group were questioned concerning this burning.

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SWIFT and GALE disagreed over CKIE, which organization was abandoned by them and GALE formed an organization known as the Army of the White American Kingdom Evangelists (AWAKE). SWIFT has indicated GALE is emotionally disturbed.

GALE is described as follows:

Name	WILLIAM POTTER GALE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Address	1840 West Avenue K - 4 Lancaster, California
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	11/20/60
Place of Birth	St. Paul, Minnesota

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Height	5'9" to 5'10"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital status	Divorced

In the event specific information is received indicating GALE's itinerary, appropriate offices will be advised.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] (protect) [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles, California. The information attributed to him was received by mail and is being retained in [redacted]

[redacted] of SA JOHN E. DAILEY, Resident Agent at Lancaster, California. [redacted] was visiting in Lancaster at the time of the incident referred to in the letterhead memorandum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Los Angeles, California
March 25, 1964

WILLIAM POTTER GALE,
also known as
William P. Gale, William Gale, Colonel
William P. Gale

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past reported on March 25, 1964, that GALE has announced his candidacy for nomination in the Republican Primary as United States Congressman for the 27th California Congressional District. It was added that this district has been represented by EVERETT BURKHALTER for the past two years and BURKHALTER has just announced that he would not run for re-election.

On March 17, 1964, [redacted] who lives in [redacted]
[redacted] and who was visiting in Lancaster, California, [redacted]
[redacted] where he met subject and [redacted]

[redacted] reported that GALE introduced himself as a retired Colonel from the United States Army and [redacted] stated that he planned to go to Birmingham, Alabama, to Nebraska, and to Houston, Texas, where he would visit a friend by the name of [redacted] (phonetic), who has just [redacted]

GALE also told [redacted] that he was a friend of retired United States Army General WALKER of Dallas, Texas. He also commented that he, GALE, pulls his house trailer to Mexico frequently.

[redacted] reported that GALE made several statements indicating that he was opposed to the present administration in Washington, that he was anti-Negro and anti-Semitic. Because of these statements, [redacted] got the impression that GALE was possibly mentally disturbed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 30, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS

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Trotter ☒
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Holmes ☒
Gandy ☒

William Potter Gale is a former Army officer presently living in Lancaster, California. He is attempting to form a militant group to be known as the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists which is to use the short name "Awake." This organization apparently has as its objective to preserve the white race and fight communism.

One [redacted] the subject of a racial matters investigation [redacted] has made statements to [redacted] that Gale may have had some connection with the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963. It is known that Gale was in Alabama around this time.

The Los Angeles Office has requested authority to interview Gale and it appears this is a logical interview. In addition to any information he may have with regard to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Gale will also be thoroughly interviewed concerning his present activities in connection with the "Awake" organization.

ACTION:

That the attached letter be sent to Los Angeles authorizing the interview with Gale.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Los Angeles

DATE: 3/19/64

Attached hereto are four copies of a report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated March 18, 1964 at Los Angeles. The Bureau's attention is directed to Miami airtels to the Bureau dated 12/10/63 and 1/8/64, and Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 12/31/63, the last two of which are entitled "Bapbomb" and [redacted], aka; "Racial Matters", in which Birmingham and Miami are the offices of origin respectively.

It is noted that [redacted] as allegedly made statements intimating that GALE may have had some connection with Bapbomb. In order to resolve this matter Bureau authority is requested to interview GALE concerning his whereabouts on 9/15/63 and to develop any information which GALE may have concerning Bapbomb.

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE, AKA.
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurlet 3/19/64 and report of SA Larry L. Griffin
3/18/64.

Bureau authority is granted to interview subject concerning any possible information he may have with regard to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

In addition, Gale should be thoroughly interviewed concerning his present activities in connection with the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, (Awake).

Following the interview, submit the results promptly to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination furnishing a copy to Birmingham.

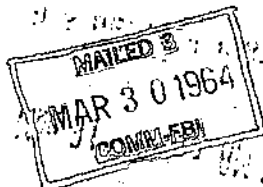
In the future, submit six copies of reports of Gale.

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka		REPORT MADE BY HARRY L. GRIFFIN	TYPED BY kep
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCES: Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN Dated 10/11/63 at Los Angeles.
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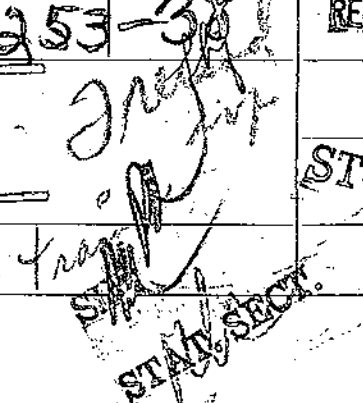

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The Bureau and interested Offices have previously been furnished pertinent information set forth in this report concerning GALE's activities in Lancaster, California, in Los Angeles file 157-712, Bureau file 157-1127, entitled Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, aka Ku Klux Klan; Racial Matters, see report of SA JOHN EDWARD DAILEY dated January 20, 1964 at Los Angeles.

By letter dated January 13, 1964 the Secret Service, Los Angeles, California, was furnished background information concerning GALE.

The Bureau is being requested to grant permission to interview GALE.

By airtel dated October 28 1963 the Miami Office advised in substance that [redacted] on October 27, 1963 had furnished information to the effect that [redacted] reported he had been in contact with Doctor WESLEY SWIFT of Lancaster, California [redacted] and that SWIFT had

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told him that GALE is on the East Coast in the Southern part, exact location not given on important business.

By airtel dated November 18, 1963 Miami advised that on [redacted] had been advised by [redacted]

By airtel dated November 21, 1963 Miami advised that on November 20, 1963 [redacted] reported he had determined from [redacted] that he had received a letter from California, possibly from Doctor WESLEY SWIFT, in that [redacted] stated in effect that [redacted]

One copy of this report is being furnished Birmingham for information because of the information submitted by Miami from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] is reported to have alleged there has been [redacted]

One copy is being furnished Tampa for information because of the information in this report concerning OREN FENTON POTITO.

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One carbon copy is being furnished Washington Field Office for information because of lead set forth for that office in referenced airtel dated January 22, 1964.

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LEADS

MIAMI

AT MIAMI FLORIDA: Will report pertinent information received from [redacted] concerning GALE.

Will re-consider the advisability of interviewing [redacted] concerning allegations by him that GALE [redacted]

In the event that [redacted] is interviewed, necessary action should be taken to verify the allegation made by him.

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MOBILE

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA: Will report pertinent information obtained from informants concerning GALE, noting that JOHN CROMMELIN has been in Lancaster, California conferring with GALE and his associates.

LOS ANGELES

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Will through logical source, determine GALE's current activities and movements.

Will endeavor to determine additional information concerning his whereabouts on September 15, 1963.

Upon receipt of authority from the Bureau, will interview GALE concerning his whereabouts on September 15, 1963, and take necessary action to verify his whereabouts.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - 115th INTC, Region II, Pasadena (RM)
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Report of: HARRY L. GRIFFIN

Office: Los Angeles,
California

Date: MAR 19 1964

Field Office File #: 157-571

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Title: WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis:

No information found with Los Angeles City License Bureau concerning California Rangers. GALE was not one of the original incorporators of the California Rangers in 1944. Pertinent information filed by that organization with the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California, set forth.

[redacted] and noted all persons present were armed. GALE has associated with a group in Lancaster, California who organized on October, 1963 under the name Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) with WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT as leader, and GALE as one of the principal members. On 11/10/63, [redacted] Lancaster, California, was burned by unknown individual. GALE and members of his group were questioned concerning the burning. SWIFT and GALE disagreed over CKIE, which organization is inactive. GALE now has organization known as

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Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, (Awake).
SWIFT has indicated GALE is emotionally disturbed.
Background and descriptive information of GALE set forth.

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DETAILS

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On November 22, 1963 IC FREDERICK E. BECKER checked with the Los Angeles City License Bureau, in an effort to develop information concerning the Civil Defense - California Rangers with negative results.

The following information concerning illegal weapons, suspected Par-Military Organization and the California Rangers, was developed at Sacramento, California:

On September 27, 1963 [redacted] Senior Modus Operandi Technician, California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII), advised that Attorney General STANLEY MOSK did not consult with CII officials or review CII files prior to his speech before the Zone Five Peace Officers Meeting in Torrance, California. [redacted] stated no arrangements have been made with CII to establish a clearing house in the CII Office at Los Angeles concerning information relating to illegal weapons and other activities of suspected Para-Military Organizations.

KENNETH HORTON, Agent in Charge, Investigative Unit, CII, on September 27, 1963 advised that no clearing house arrangements have been made between the Attorney General's Office and CII. He added that CII has conducted limited

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investigation of the California Rangers, but this investigation was closed in June, 1962. According to HORTON, all of the information developed is in the possession of [REDACTED] CII, Los Angeles, California.

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On January 20, 1964, [REDACTED] Personnel Officer, California Disaster Office, Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California, advised that WILLIAM P. GALE, [REDACTED] and the California Rangers are in no way connected with the Disaster Office, formerly known as the California Civil Defense Office.

On January 27, 1964, [REDACTED] Chief Investigative Officer, California Disaster Office, 1121 O Street, Sacramento, California, furnished blank copies of California Disaster Office Identification Cards, one, No. CDO 100, issued to employees of the Disaster Office, and the other, No. CDO 102, issued to volunteers of the Disaster Office.

On January 27, 1964, [REDACTED] Certifications Officer, Secretary of State's Office, Capitol Building, Sacramento, furnished a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the California Rangers.

The Articles of Incorporation are dated February 25, 1944 and are entitled "Articles of Incorporation of California Rangers," which bears Corporation Number 194263.

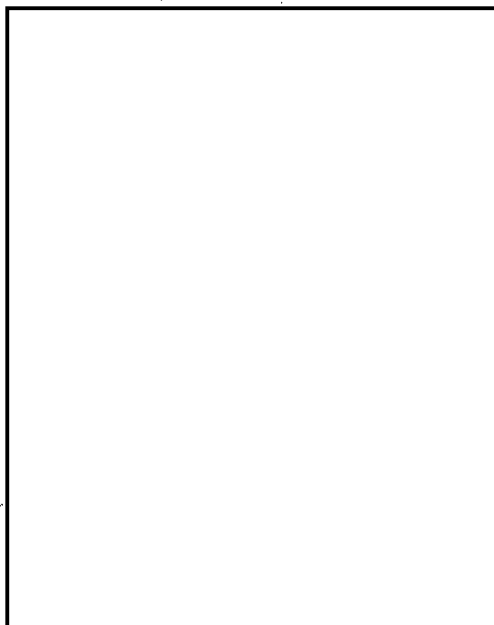
The purpose of the organization is described as "to promote Americanism, to augment and develop the qualities of better citizenship, loyalty, and devotion to our Country, the United States of North America,

To combat juvenile delinquency, to teach the youth self control, reliability, dependability, honor, truthfulness, moral and physical courage, to exercise quick thinking,

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knowledge of Military Science, and to cooperate with all other bodies working toward the same or similar ends;---"

The Articles of Incorporation set forth the names and addresses of the persons who were appointed to act as the first directors as follows:



The Articles of Incorporation were written on stationery, bearing the name [redacted] Attorney At Law, [redacted] Los Angeles, California. [redacted] also notarized the Articles of Incorporation.

~~The following information was furnished by the Tampa Office:~~

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AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA STEPHEN L. DURKIN:

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On September 12, 1963

[redacted] advised he is an [redacted]
and had met [redacted] approximately [redacted]
ago through [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] stated he had had practically no contact with [redacted] until sometime in [redacted] when he ran into [redacted] again by chance and developed a rather casual friendship with him. During this time [redacted] to some "church-type meeting" in Hollywood, California, which meetings were conducted by a Doctor SWIFT. According to [redacted], these meetings which he attended with [redacted] advocated the Genocide of the Negroes and Jews. [redacted] claimed that he attended [redacted] of these meetings with [redacted] and noticed that the people in attendance were all armed, including [redacted] Doctor SWIFT, and Colonel WILLIAM GALE.

[redacted] advised that in his opinion this group was so fanatical that if war was ever declared, they are the type of individuals who would go on the streets and shoot all Negroes and Jews in sight. He described them as a very dangerous group.

[redacted] stated that after attending one of the meetings, [redacted] and while there he noticed that all in attendance were armed. At this meeting the group sat around and discussed how they could acquire arms and [redacted] stated that GALE brags that the police cannot do anything about him carrying a gun because the Constitution states that a citizen can bear arms.

On October 21, 1963 LA T-1 advised in substance that the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, aka Ku Klux Klan, (see appendix) held an initiation meeting, Lancaster, California.

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Wesley A. Swift

on October 19, 1963 at which approximately 38 members were inducted. Informant stated this meeting was presided over by WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, Lancaster, California. SWIFT declared the objectives of the organization as preserving the Constitution of the United States and the white race, and to fight Communism. The members who were initiated were furnished white-cloth robes and white-cloth hoods with eyeholes, and instructed to wear robes and firearms to subsequent meetings.

LA T-1 subsequently advised that this organization

On November 10, 1963 [redacted] was burned by unknown persons who threw "MOLOTOV cocktails" through a window and on the roof.

Investigation conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office indicates that [redacted] probably started the fire, but evidence developed was insufficient to support a criminal prosecution.

As a result of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office questioning of members of the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire on November 13, 1963, no further meetings have been held and activities of Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire has virtually ceased.

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Investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reflected that WILLIAM POTTER GALE, SWIFT and [REDACTED] are three principal members controlling Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

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On December 26, 1963 LA T-1 advised that SWIFT and GALE who have been having a struggle for power over who would actually control the local Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire organization, had a violent argument and decided to split.

LA T-1 stated that SWIFT has recently been ridiculing GALE and the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire members by describing them as "night shirt" boys. GALE is being left in charge of Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire, and SWIFT is assuming leadership of an organization in Los Angeles known as the Christian Defense League.

LA T-1 subsequently made available information pertaining to the organization by the name of the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists, also known as "Awake", which is believed to have originated with GALE, Lancaster, California. Pertinent portions of the information furnished by LA T-1 is set forth as follows:

"OPERATION 'AWAKE'"

"The DEFENSE DIVISION of the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, CHRISTIAN has been established with the short title 'AWAKE', representing the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists.

"Organizational Structure:

"A National Command Headquarters has been established. The continental limits of the United States is divided into four (4) Zones, each consisting of a certain number

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"of States and each commanded by a Zone Commander of AWAKE.

"A National Chaplain has been established and the Chaplain General appoints all Zone, State and District Chaplains and supervises the Education Department of AWAKE.

"Each State will contain an AWAKE militia - 'A militia being necessary for the security of a free STATE, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.'

"The AWAKE militia of each State will be directed by a State Commander and necessary staff. U. S. Congressional Districts with their political subdivision numerical identities will contain AWAKE District Poses, each to be identified by the political subdivision number of their respective State Congressional Districts. (i.e. the 22nd Congressional District of California will contain California District Posse No. 22). State Commanders will be appointed by the respective Zone Commanders.

"Each District Posse will consist of any number of CHAPELS, each Chapel consisting of thirteen (13) men (a squad) plus the wives or adult female members of their families. Each individual will be known as a Christian soldier. Participation is limited to Christians of the white race. Initially, Chapel Leaders might be appointed by Area Coordinators until District Posse commanders are operable, at which time the District Posse commanders may appoint Chapel Leaders. (Each Chapel constitutes a 'tape group' under the AWAKE Education Department.)

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"Each CHAPEL will constitute Committees as follows:

- "(1) ANTI-CHRISTIAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - will investigate anti-Christian activities in the Chapel's local community and maintain records and data of such activities for use by the District Posse.
- "(2) COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - is responsible for coordinating communications and communications equipment.
- "(3) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE - is responsible for coordinating the supply and maintenance of equipment as required by the Chapel. This includes coordination with District Posse commander for establishment of emergency assembly areas and evacuation routes.
- "(4) EDUCATION COMMITTEE - is responsible for acquisition and distribution of educational material, receipt and routing of the Education Department tapes and conduct of weekly Chapel meetings.
- "(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE - is responsible for the collection and distribution of Chapel funds as directed.

"A National Education Department of AWAKE has been constituted for the provision of educational material to all Chapels and functions under the supervision of the Chaplain General.

"A National Law Department of AWAKE has been constituted and appoints a Church Attorney General to supervise the law Department. Zone Commanders appoint Zone Church Attorneys; State Commanders appoint State Church Attorneys

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"and Posse District commanders appoint Posse District Church Attorneys. All Church Attorneys are under the technical supervision of the National Law Department and under the command supervision of their respective levels. Each should be a member of his respective Bar.

"Each CHAPEL Leader is required to become a dues paying member of the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC. of Washington, D.C. and thereby receive the Publication TASK FORCE as educational material for his respective CHAPEL. The Education Department of AWAKE will forward two tape recordings per week to each CHAPEL for use in weekly CHAPEL meetings.

"Financing: AWAKE will be self-financing. Each Christian soldier and participant of a CHAPEL should pledge tithes and offerings of at least Two Dollars per month. Life membership in AWAKE may be obtained by an offering of One Thousand Dollars. The Education Department should receive the initial Fifteen Dollars of tithes and offerings monthly from each CHAPEL to cover the minimum cost of tapes. Additional tithes and offerings may be forwarded to expand the Education Department's activities and as Church offerings. The balance of funds based upon the minimum pledge will be forwarded to Zone Commanders for distribution and payment of evangelist missionary expenses of National Headquarters, Zone Headquarters, and State Headquarters and the District Fosses.

"Oath: All participants in AWAKE will be required to take an oath as prescribed in future instructions.

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"Recruitment: It is recommended that Zone Commanders appoint area or regional organizers of coordinators until such time as qualified State Commanders might be appointed. Coordinators should be paid for their work on a basis of One Dollar per person per month. Report forms will be used by Coordinators designating the CHAPELS they organize, thence funds can be appropriated monthly from tithes and offerings to the account of the coordinator. This method should entice good men to work hard and also provide the inducement toward speedy organization. A 'Guide' for Coordinators will be prepared for distribution.

"WPG."

GUIDE FOR AREA COORDINATORS

"AWAKE

"AWAKE Coordinators are assigned to one or more Congressional Districts as their respective areas of responsibility.

"The CHAPEL is the basic unit of AWAKE and should be the point of initial concentration for a Coordinator. A Chapel Leader should first be sought from the personal acquaintances of the Area Coordinator. This Leader should be trustworthy and dependable. Upon formation of a Chapel, the Area Coordinator should report such information to Zone Hq., Addressed: P.O. Box 911, Lancaster, California, Attn: Col. W.P. Gale. Only the Name, Address and Telephone Number of a Chapel Leader need be reported along with the Chapel Number (see next paragraph). A group of Chapels should first

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"be formed before much effort is directed toward selection of a District Posse Commander for the Congressional District. In the event a Coordinator feels that a District Posse Commander can first be appointed who will voluntarily form a number of CHAPELS in his Posse District, then this decision is left with the Coordinator.

"Awake Area Coordinators need not maintain a record of the individual names of Christian soldiers who participate in Chapels, but the number of participants should be known to the Coordinator. Each Chapel should be designated by the basic number of the Congressional District with a 'dash' number commencing with the number 1. (Chapel 22-1, 22-2 etc for the 22nd Posse District).

"Chapel Leaders should be instructed to forward their Chapel tithes and offerings monthly (the first day of each month) to P. O. Box 911, Lancaster, California, Attn: Col. W.P. Gale. Tithes and offerings of each Chapel should be accompanied by a brief report identifying the Chapel by number and indicating the number of participants. This report will permit proper crediting to the account of the Area Coordinator.

"Chapel Leaders are required to subscribe to the publication of the DEFENDERS OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION, INC. This publication is known as TASK FORCE. Rates are \$5.00 per year and subscriptions should be forwarded to TASK FORCE, P.O. Box 1677, Ormond Beach, Florida, Attn: Mr. Gordon E. Small.

"Area Coordinators should schedule regular meetings with CHAPEL Leaders until such time as sufficient District Posse commanders are appointed who will then maintain this coordination. At that time, the Area

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"Coordinator may schedule meetings with Posse District commanders. These meetings may be semi-monthly and at least monthly. State Commanders will maintain coordination meetings with Area Coordinators and Zone Headquarters.

"Note on Communications: Each CHAPEL should strive toward acquisition of Citizen Band transceivers or participants who are HAM radio operators. The small Walkie-Talkie radio transceivers should be acquired by as many persons as possible. Channels 7 or 9 are usually installed in these.

"WPG

"Age of AWAKE Chapel participants. - There are no official age restrictions but the over-all purpose of AWAKE should be recognized by all leadership and the Chapels should correspond to the purpose. 18 to 80 is appropriate. It is suggested that Chapel Leaders form YOUTH GROUPS as an adjunct to the weekly conduct of Chapel affairs. WE NEED TO REACH THE YOUTH OF AMERICA! These youth groups may meet separately from the regular Chapel meetings or they can be conducted simultaneously, depending upon the local conditions such as availability of space, etc. The youth groups should initially be limited to the educational material and upon each youth's approach to a mature understanding of the problems, each one can be considered individually for graduation to an active role in a Chapel or formation of new Chapels with a majority of youth as participants. In all cases, mature adult leadership should be maintained where a majority of the Chapel is of a young age. It might be well to consider youth

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"groups under the age of 18 years as Chapel STUDY GROUPS. There are exceptions for individual cases and these exceptions are at the discretion of the Chapel Leaders and the Area Coordinators. Youth tape study groups are essential!

"The possibility of a 'questionnaire' for prospective Chapel members might arise. This can be answered with a strong suggestion that the less red tape the better. Once Chapels commence the AWAKE educational material, a process of elimination should be expected. The basic requirements for participants being white Christians should suffice. Occasionally the enemy poses as such and infiltrates. In these instances, the 'message' will obtain reactions and it has been our experience that this reaction to the truth exposes the infiltration to the true participants. It might be mentioned here that some Chapels might initially be formed with all 'hard-core' - but this is not expected. We feel that the educational material, presented over a reasonable period of time, will DEVELOP hard core. This results from separation of the weak-kneed and filling up with others who become strong as a result of the true Christian teachings presented by AWAKE. Area coordinators should develop methods for constant evaluation of each Chapel and Chapel Leaders. Do not hesitate to replace weakness with strength. Use diplomatic methods for removing weak Chapel leadership by rotation of assignments within the Chapels. Constant attention should be given to functioning of the internal Chapel committees as outlined for the Chapels. This keeps participants busy, as well as providing the action necessary for evaluation and testing.

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"Some might feel that 2½ hours of tape recordings is too much. This may be true for initiates - and then again it may not be so. This is a matter for analysis on each local level. We have many groups who spend as much as 5 and 6 hours listening to these tapes. Some cannot get enough after they have once started hearing them. If Chapel meetings commence at 7:30 or 8:00 p.m., all can be home at 11:00 p.m. or even 10:00 p.m. if desirable. The average JBS Chapter meets until after midnight and no one seems to complain. This can be left to the discretion of the local Chapel - and tapes can be played on other than meeting nights at the homes of individuals if they so desire. Zig or Zag - but let the Word be heard.

"Publicizing the background of AWAKE leadership. - This can be better accomplished by word of mouth if at all, and even then carefully. In this fight against communism, the leadership should be protected as much as possible. We also should recognize that our leader is Jesus Christ and this can be the reply to inquisitive people.

"Instruction Booklet. As time permits, we will prepare instruction booklets and guides for AWAKE operations. Initially, we should just 'get going' - because time's awastin'. Some people need detailed and itemized guidance. Others are self-starters. Right now, we need the self-starters - those who can read and analyze a project memo. If all AWAKE coordinators use the material they now have, all AWAKE Chapels will be on the same track. Flexibility should be maintained to meet the needs of different local conditions. The weekly flow of educational material to the Chapels will also assist in maintaining all along certain guide lines.

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"A question might arise regarding the 13 participants per Chapel, and their female or other adult members of their families. Where there are previously organized groups with less than the 13 families, the previous set-up need not be disturbed. Simply lay the AWAKE program over the top and spread out on the AWAKE project while keeping the previous group as a separate entity for its original purpose. Let the newcomers come into a separate project and not even be aware of previous projects. The THIRTEEN is our number. See the Great Seal of the United States of America.

"We cannot expect full complement Chapels initially. They should start as smaller groups and fill in to the full complement as they grow with the educational program of AWAKE. Do not attempt restrictions in the area of denomination. Our purpose is to UNITE ALL WHITE CHRISTIANS, regardless of their sect or denomination. This is what Satan and his children fear! Satan and his kids like to keep white Christians (God's people) fighting amongst themselves and these denominations are used for that purpose. We must expect certain rebuffs from those individuals who have been subjected to error in their theological backgrounds. Whether or not they remain in their previous denomination after they hear the truth is an individual matter. The Chapel will no doubt replace the pulpit of many a phoney who is NOT preaching 'THUS SAYETH THE LORD'.

"Contact any local radio enthusiast or radio repair shop for info on Citizen Band radio sets. The Walkie Talkie sets also. Mobile sets are available for cars, with crystals for all channels. This will be a subject for an AWAKE booklet in the future but is flexible. No problem should exist on this subject if initiative is used.

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"It is hoped that the above material can be helpful to Area Coordinators. Please do not hesitate to submit questions and seek assistance from Zone Hq. God bless you all.

"WPG"

LA T-1 stated that the overall structure of Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire as of November 15, 1963 is as follows:

"FIRST FRONT" - This is the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and from its faithful members are recruited members for the

"SECOND FRONT" - This is the AWAKE MOVEMENT, and from this group are selected the more militant members who will comprise the

"THIRD FRONT" - This will be the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, which will have the outward impression of a political-religious group not interested in violence and from this group will be selected the most militant for the

"INNER DEN" - These persons will be the members of the CKIE who commit acts of violence."

The Jacksonville Office advised that the defenders of the American Constitution Incorporated has headquarters and publication office in Ormond Beach, Florida, Post Office Box 1677, and that GORDON E. SMALL is the publication manager. The officers are P. A. DEL VALLE, Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps, retired, president; [redacted] Vice President and Editorial Consultant; MERRITT B. CURTIS,

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Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corp, retired. Secretary in General Council.

It was added that "Task Force" is a publication by the defenders of the American Constitution Incorporated.

The records of the Daytona Beach, Florida, Credit Bureau show that GORDON E. SMALL has been in file since September, 1957, is 73 years of age, wife ELIZABETH SMALL and resides at 113 Neptune Avenue, Ormond Beach, Florida. Records show SMALL is retired and that he was formerly self-employed in the restaurant business at Morristown, New Jersey. The records show SMALL came to Ormond Beach, Florida, from Smoke Rise, Butler County, New York, and he owns property at 22 South Ocean Street, Daytona Beach, Florida, which is valued at \$70,000. The credit records contain nothing unfavorable concerning SMALL.

Records of Daytona Beach Credit Bureau had no record identifiable with P.A. DEL VALLE, [REDACTED] OR MERRITT B. CURTIS.

The office of the Secretary of State for the State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, had no record showing the Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc., was incorporated in the State of Florida.

The president of the Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc., Lieutenant General P. A. DEL VALLE, U. S. Marine Corp, retired, resides at 41 Cornhill Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

On November 24, 1963 IA T-1 advised that GALE on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LA T-1 stated [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

LA T-1 advised that SWIFT and GALE had discussed in general terms the fact that leaders in our country might have to be eliminated to further the goals of the CKIE, but he claims these statements were made in the most general terms, and SWIFT always said that "God will take care of those who must be eliminated."

On November 19, 1963 Lieutenant [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California, furnished a copy of their report number Z-955-599, dated November 16, 1963, which reflects in substance that WILLIAM P. GALE appeared at the Antelope Valley Station on November 16, 1963 and was interviewed by Sergeant's JOHN H. BENGSTON and [REDACTED]

The report reflects that GALE introduced himself as a retired Army Colonel, and stated he was a member of the local Christian Congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ, and he was there to determine why several members of the church were being harassed by the Sheriff's Department. He furnished information to the effect he had been requested to take a polygraph examination concerning the burning of TV store, and that several members of his church had also been requested to take a polygraph examination.

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GALE advised the officers that he is an ardent supporter of individual states' rights. He quoted Bible scriptures to substantiate his beliefs on complete white Christian supremacy, and also stated that the Jews were not considered by him to be of the white race.

GALE also told the officers that he was the organizer of the California Rangers, which was formed primarily for the purpose of Civil Defense, and claimed that this organization was registered with the Secretary of State. He stated this organization had been disbanded, and claimed that it had been organized because he had determined that the city of Los Angeles had only 4,500 police officers, and should an emergency or disaster in the city of Los Angeles happen, it would be ridiculous to believe that such a small number of officers could handle the situation. GALE claimed that he had documentary evidence that several radio and television personalities were affiliated with subversive organizations on the communist front, and that he also had evidence that the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith were financially supporting the NAACP, and there were current plans that this Jewish organization would start a large fire in a section of Los Angeles, that this fire would be of such a magnitude that the people would be running to the location, that in the other end of the city would be loosed tens of thousands of Negroes armed with guns and rifles who had orders to rape all white women and to kill every white male.

GALE also told the officers that because of his 18 years of service in the U. S. Army, having served part of this time on the General Staff in the Pentagon in Washington, that he had access to confidential and secret documents of hearings which had been conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

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The officers subsequently learned that GALE planned to get a federal injunction against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office to prevent any further harassment to his group by that office.

On December 26, 1963 LA T-1 furnished information to the effect that Admiral CROMWELL (possibly JOHN CROMMELIN) had checked over the plans for the Christian Defense League (CDL) and approved them enthusiastically.

LA T-1 stated that SWIFT has been picking fun at GALE and has intimated that GALE is on the verge of being in a serious mental state, and that he has been drinking heavily for some time.

On January 8, 1964 LA T-1 advised that the CDL was started several years ago in Los Angeles, California by GALE, SWIFT, and BERTRAND L. COMPARET, and another person whose identity he did not know. He claims that SWIFT has not pushed the CDL because he wanted a more aggressive organization like the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

LA T-1 furnished information to the effect that he had learned that the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire is going to be allowed to die a natural death in the Lancaster area, although it appears that GALE and SWIFT have effected a truce in their relationship. He stated GALE was to devote his efforts to the Awake movement. He added that he knows of no violence planned by Awake.

LA T-2 on December 10, 1963 advised that on December 5, 1963 she was invited to attend a church meeting by a close personal friend who is employed as a housekeeper at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Long Beach, California. This meeting attended by her was held at the American Legion Hall, Signal Hill, California, and was attended by about 17 people. WILLIAM GALE of Lancaster, California

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presided at the meeting. GALE allegedly made a few references to the Bible, but LA T-2 did not consider the meeting of a religious nature, inasmuch as GALE had said that Jews are not human. He allegedly stated that we all lived before we came on earth and our earthy birth was a second birth. He said only the white race are privileged, and that the Jews are not white.

LA T-3 on January 13, 1964 furnished background and descriptive information concerning GALE which is set forth as follows:

NAME

GALE, William Potter

Aka: Colonel William P. GALE

RESIDENCE

1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster (December 1962 to present
(January, 1964))

Former Addresses

2/54-12/62	1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles 28
11/49-2/54	21137 S. Figueroa Street, Torrance
10/46-11/49	General Headquarters, Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan.
1/46-10/46	New Haven, Connecticut
3/41-1/46	Various United States and overseas military bases.
1/37-3/41	6569 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles

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EDUCATION

2/46-10/46

Military Student, Yale
University, New Haven,
Connecticut

1935-1936

San Pedro High School, San
Pedro, California

1932-1934

Manual Arts High School, Los
Angeles

1930-1932

James A. Foshay Junior High
School, Los Angeles

1929-1930

Santa Barbara Street Elementary
School, Los Angeles

1922-1929

New Monterey Grammar School,
Monterey, California

EMPLOYMENT

2/57 to present
(January, 1964)

Division Manager, Waddell &
Reed, Incorporated. (Invest-
ments), 9301 Wilshire
Boulevard, Beverly Hills
Salary - \$2500.00 per month.

3/56-2/57

Engineer, North American
Aviation, Inc., 6633 Canoga
Park Boulevard, Canoga Park,
California

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4/53-3/56

Unemployed

10/51-4/53

Engineer, Hughes Aircraft
Company, Culver City, California

10/34-6/30/50

United States Army
Serial #0416089

Note: GALE retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He reportedly receives \$357.18 per month retirement pension. According to information distributed by GALE, he indicates that during World War II, he served under the personal direction of General Douglas MacArthur and that as an Infantry Officer trained in logistics, he was selected by General MacArthur to organize guerrilla forces in the Phillipines. Investigation failed to verify these claims.

CITIZENSHIP

GALE is a United States citizen by birth. He was born November 20, 1916 in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

BACKGROUND

GALE migrated to the Los Angeles area from Monterey, California in 1925. He has maintained permanent residence in this area since that time.

MRS WILLIAM POTTER GALE
He is currently single having previously been married to Josephine Catherine Gale nee Dvornich.

Josephine C. Gale
The Los Angeles County Clerk's Office, Superior Court Records, indicates this marriage was dissolved by divorce, File #D621923, dated December 4, 1962, William

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P. Gale, Plaintiff - Josephine C. Gale, Defendant.
Date of marriage, June 7, 1937, Place of marriage,
Los Angeles (Los Angeles County Recorder's Book
1436, Page 83).

GALE has three children. From this marriage: N.Y.

[Redacted]

These children were all born in San Pedro, California. The two daughters reside in the State of New York and the minor son, [Redacted] resides with his mother at [Redacted] CALE

Interlocutory decree of divorce granted January 30, 1963. (Final Decree of divorce will not be granted until after January 30, 1964.)

As of April 1, 1960, GALE's immediate relatives were as follows:

Mother:

Mary Agnes Gale nee Potter,
Bell Trailer City, Space 101,
4874 East Gage Avenue, Bell,
California.
Birthplace: Farmington,
Minnesota.

Father:

MRS Charles Gale (Deceased)
Birthplace: Bismarck, North
Dakota

Brother:

Charles Earl Gale (Deceased)

Brother:

Robert Duane Gale, United
States Navy
Birthplace: Monterey, California

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Sister:

^{Wesley}
Bernice Ann Gale Czapar,
4217 Swift Avenue, San
Diego, CALIF.
Birthplace: New Prague,
Minnesota

Sister:

^{Wesley}
Ruth Jane Gale O'Sullivan,
4223 McClung Drive, Los
Angeles, CALIF.

CRIMINAL RECORD

Criminal files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department failed to disclose any record of Subject.

"ACTIVITIES

GALE : through the years, has been extremely active in disseminating anti-Negro and anti-Semitic information. He is a close associate of Dr. Wesley Swift, Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, in Lancaster.

Notes: An Article in the Los Angeles Times dated May 8, 1962, entitled, "Probe of of 'Hate Groups' Urged by County Unit", states in part that the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations identified the Church of Jesus Christ,

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Christian, among others, as a hate group. This group, conducted by Wesley A. Swift, reportedly castigates the Jews and Negroes and preaches the maintenance of a "white Christian autocracy".

Several members of Dr. Swift's congregation were recently interrogated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in connection with an arson investigation. On November 16, 1963, GALE identifying himself as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, contacted Sergeant John H. Bengston, Antelope Valley Station, for the purpose of determining why members of the church were being harassed by the Sheriff's Department.

During the course of the conversation with Sergeant Bengston, GALE expounded quite freely on his beliefs especially that he was an ardent supporter of individual State's Rights. GALE also stated during this conversation, that he was the organizer of the California Rangers.

According to available information, GALE organized the California Rangers in 1960 for the purpose of augmenting the civil defense agencies and local police functions in the event of a national emergency, military or civil catastrophe.

GALE, along with Wesley A. Swift and Attorney Bertrand L. Comporet, reportedly organized the Christian Defense League which would function for Christians as the Anti-Defamation League does for Jews.

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GALE was present at the induction meeting of the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (Ku Klux Klan) held October 19, 1963, at the home of [redacted] in Lancaster.

On August 13, 1963, [redacted] member of the California Rangers, was arrested for sale and possession of machine guns. The next day when [redacted] was taken to the United States Commissioner's Office and formally charged. GALE was present and had conversation with [redacted]

As of April 1, 1960, GALE was the leader of the Constitution Party, a political organization. He was candidate for governor of the State of California on the Constitution Party ticket for 1958 and 1962.

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According to the Department of Motor Vehicles,
Sacramento, GALE is the registered owner of a 1962
Mercedes-Benz, 4-door Sedan, License #LMR 003.

DESCRIPTION

Name	William Potter GALE, aka Colonel William P. Gale
Address	1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Birthplace	Saint Paul, Minnesota
Birthdate	November 20, 1916
Height	5'10"
Weight	155
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Occupation	Stock Broker
Marital Status	Divorced
Social Security #	569-18-2561

APPENDIX

CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE,
aka, Ku Klux Klan

On November 4, 1963, a source advised that the organization known as the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE) held its first meeting at Lancaster, California, on October 19, 1963. The source stated that the meeting was presided over by Wesley Albert Swift and that approximately thirty-eight members were inducted. The source stated that Swift explained to those present that the organization was actually the Ku Klux Klan, but since the Klan was regarded as illegal, they would call themselves the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire.

According to the source, Swift explained the objectives of the organization as being to preserve the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. Members of this organization were issued cloth robes and white hoods with eye holes, the robes bearing on the breast a round blue shield and encircling a red cross. Members were urged to wear sidearms to all meetings.

The source further advised that while William Potter Gale is the California State Leader of the CKIE and Wesley Albert Swift ranks as the second functionary or Chaplain, Swift is, in effect, the real power in the CKIE.

On November 5, 1963, a second source stated that [redacted] of the CKIE in [redacted]

Lancaster. [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

On November 10, 1963, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Lancaster, California Substation, advised that on that date a television repair shop belonging to this Negro man was burned by the use of "Molotov" cocktails at

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Quartz Hill (Lancaster), California, and that their investigation reflected that the fire was most probably set by [redacted] and another close associate, [redacted]

The first source advised on November 17, 1963, that the headquarters of the CKIE was then at Swift's home, located at 44616 North Fig Street, Lancaster, California. This source advised on January 8, 1964, however, that Gale may entirely take over the CKIE at Lancaster, California, and in this event the new headquarters would be located at Gale's home, located at 1840 West Avenue K, Lancaster, California.

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Date: 4/7/64

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)

RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka
RM

OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 3/19/64;
Bulet to Los Angeles dated 3/30/64; Los Angeles airtel
to Bureau dated 3/25/64, call captioned as above and Bureau
airtel to Miami dated 3/11/64 captioned [redacted]
[redacted] RM."

Referenced Bulet to Los Angeles dated 3/30/64
granted Los Angeles permission to interview GALE to verify
his whereabouts on 9/15/63.

Information has now been received indicating that
GALE has announced his candidacy for nomination in the
Republican Primary as U. S. Congressman for the 27th
California Congressional District. Primary elections will
be held in California on June 2, 1964. In view of GALE's
political involvement and the possibility of embarrassment
to the Bureau at this time, it is recommended that GALE not
be interviewed by the Los Angeles office until after June 2,
1964, at which time it will be determined whether GALE has
been nominated for U.S. Congressman. UACB GALE will not
be interviewed until after June 2, 1964.

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Referenced Bureau airtel to Miami dated 3/11/64 instructs the Los Angeles Office to prepare a summary report concerning GALE.

Los Angeles had previously submitted reports on GALE 7/24/63, 10/11/63 and 3/19/64. In view of Bureau instructions as contained in referenced letter a summary report on GALE is being prepared.

LEGION TRIES POST FOR RACIST DRIVE

California Unit Is Accused of
Distributing Hate Literature

By BILL BECKER

Special to The New York Times

LOS ANGELES, April 4—An American Legion post went on trial before a special Legion board today on charges of advocating anti-Semitic and anti-Negro views.

Post 490 of Signal Hill, a suburb near Long Beach, was also accused of distributing hate literature.

A three-man board heard evidence presented by Alex Kahanowicz, acting judge advocate. The board will make recommendations to the California American Legion's executive committee whether to revoke the Signal Hill post's charter or take other disciplinary action.

The post commander is Mrs. C. Eunice Monroe, a former member of the Women's Auxiliary Corps. She had asked for an open trial, terming the allegations "a pack of lies."

Warning Issued in '61

The post and its officers were warned as early as 1961 against activities carried on under the guise of its "Americanism program."

The post, it is charged, ignored the warning by adjourning its regular meetings and putting on "hate" speakers and programs before the same audience.

The Legion's state executive committee, after an inquiry last September, ordered the post to surrender its charter. The trial was set when the post refused to obey the order.

The post has continually declared in its official bulletin that "This is a white Christian post—and we are proud of it."

But in addition, according to the state department's charges, it encouraged contributions "to publications admittedly anti-Semitic and anti-Negro."

Among the publications were some put out by Gerald L. K. Smith, long known for racist activity.

The hearing board included Harold Heinly, chairman, of Santa Ana; John Martin of Glendale and John Hanson of Los Angeles. Mr. Kahanowicz, a Legion member and Roman Catholic, is a senior trial deputy on the Los Angeles District Attorney's staff.

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[Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of April 8th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the organization you mentioned.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)
Faith in Freedom
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
4-1-61 LEB Introduction

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Christian Defense League is known in Bufiles as "non-partisan," but which advocates the election of Christians in government at all levels. This group is known to be against integration and anti-Semitic and is dedicated to white Christian supremacy. The Bureau is currently watching the activities of its leaders.

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April 8, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a form letter from the Christian Defense League.

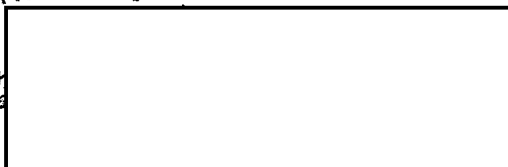
I have been told that this is a "front" organization for "Superiority of the White Race" and is tinged with anti-semitic, also of Racist tendency. The word Christian used as a cover-up.

The informant also mention a connection with British-Israel (this is something I donot know anything about)

[redacted] and I am not in sympathy with anything "Un-Christian".

Will appreciate any information available in this regard.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Christian Defense League

617 SOUTH OLIVE STREET • LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

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WHY DOES THE APPLICATION SPECIFY "WHITE RACE?"

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The white race is the minority in the earth, estimated to be only 1/6th of the world population. There is no unified direction for the defense of this minority, except the ethnic and religious bonds which hold them together. Other races have overwhelming numerical advantage, in addition to the fact that they have organized pressure groups operating worldwide to promote their goals.

It is imperative that white Christians unify to repel determined efforts of the non-white majority to extinguish our race. Can anyone deny this race the right of self-preservation? If any doubt the seriousness of the situation, let him consider what is happening right now; who is it that is being murdered, butchered and tortured in the Congo, Algeria, Angola, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, and in numerous other places? They are missionaries, business and professional men and women and their children; members of YOUR race and faith.

Even more diabolical is the program to wipe out the white race by mongrelization. This is in direct opposition to God's laws and instructions to His People.

Who are these people? What has this minority in the world contributed to mankind? Consider these pertinent facts:

The written records of man's history show that all civilized progress which has given all men everywhere in the world the highest degree of prosperity and learning is the direct result of white Christian initiative, labor, and scientific knowledge and skill. These builders have shared the gifts of their spiritual understanding with mankind in every corner of the globe.

The United States, under its Divinely inspired Constitution, with only 5% of the world population, in the first 100 years produced more material wealth than had been produced by the rest of the world in all its recorded history! Stop and think: How many nations and races are today sharing in the bounty provided by the United States?

The Christian Defense League is the vehicle for the bringing together of white Christians of all denominations to defend their race, their faith, and their country. It is not an "ANTI" program, it is Pro-Christian!

R. J. Butler
R. J. Butler
National Director

"Thou shalt not abridge these freedoms which God has given us."

The Christian Defense League, non-denominational and non-sectarian, is a national organization of Christian Americans with a definite program for re-establishing our God-given rights; to maintaining the spiritual and cultural precepts so emphatically set forth by our founding fathers which we proudly claim as our rightful inheritance for ourselves and our posterity.

In returning Christianity to the educational systems of America, local Christian Defense League representatives will work with school boards, PTA and other groups to enforce laws protecting Christian rights, effecting any new legislation necessary.

The Christian Defense League is non-partisan, but it will advocate the election of Christians in government at all levels, to carry out the principles of our Christian Constitution.

To strengthen Christian economy, Christian Buyers Guides will be published in all areas. Packagers of staple and food items now paying royalties to anti-Christian organizations by label designations, will be asked to carry the Cross and Shield symbol, contributing to Christian causes in proportion to Christian purchasing power.

The voice of an individual is not likely to be heard effectively. The voice of 145,000,000 Christians in America, representing the great majority, has both the power and the lawful authority to prevent any pressure groups from destroying our Christian civilization. The Christian Defense League is an action body, and it invites the support and participation of Christians in this all out project to re-establish the principles which gave us the finest way of life ever known to man.

Your local representative will discuss with you some of the projects in which you can play a part as a Christian Defense League member. Annual membership fee is \$12.00. Lifetime membership is \$100.00 per individual. Those contributing \$1,000.00 or more receive lifetime memberships covering entire family, and a beautiful bronze plaque will be presented.

Applications are being accepted now, with the nationwide official opening scheduled for February. Contact your local representative or write to national headquarters office.

Temporary Phone No.
MA. 2-0680



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Christian Defense League

617 South Olive Street • Los Angeles 14, California

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEDGE

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST; I AM OF THE WHITE RACE;
I SUPPORT THE LAWFULLY ADOPTED WRITTEN CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED SOVEREIGN STATES OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA. I WILL UPHOLD,
DEFEND AND PERPETUATE MY FAITH, MY RACE AND MY COUNTRY
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC,
SO HELP ME GOD!

SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE PRINT IN INK

Name in full _____ DAY _____
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TWELVE DOLLARS • ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP



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Dear Christian American:

Is this YOUR decision? Do YOU approve of:-

The banning of Christmas observances and displays such as the Nativity scene in parks, schools and public property?

The burning of song books in school because they contain Christmas carols... and making teachers subject to prosecution for permitting the singing of them on public property?

The removal of the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance?

The edict to ban the repeating of the verse in our national anthem which mentions the name of God?

Making a teacher subject to prosecution for uttering or causing to be uttered, a prayer of any kind in a schoolhouse? Or for reading, or permitting to be read, Scripture?

Is it YOUR decision to remove Christianity from every phase of our national life, in this United States which was founded by Christians for the perpetuation of Christianity?

In the first 100 years, with only 5% of the population of the earth, the United States, under Divine leadership, produced more material wealth than had been produced by the rest of the world in all its recorded history... not as an "underdeveloped nation" asking for aid from any country, but as pioneers carving it from an uncharted wilderness! The science and technology, the bounty and progress of the uncivilized nations of the world are the result of Christian leadership in every instance. History records the founding of the first public schools in the colonies for the EXPRESS PURPOSE of teaching children to read and write in order to be able to study the Scriptures... and Harvard College was established for the training of ministers!

This Republic is and always has been classified Christian. It was formally declared to be a Christian nation by the Supreme Court of the United States. In the case of Holy Trinity Church vs. United States, 143 U.S. 471, that Court, after mentioning various other circumstances, added, "these and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." (Unanimous opinion, Feb. 29, 1892)

Christian Americans, alarmed at the rapidity with which we are losing the most precious part of our heritage, are uniting to take quick and definite action to stop its destruction. What can you do to register your dis-approval? Individuals can become strong only by pooling their strength, determination and resources to accomplish specific objectives.

"Thou shalt not abridge these freedoms which God has given us."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin LOS ANGELES	Date 5/25/64	Investigative Period 1/12-5/13/64
Title of Case WILLIAM POTTER GALE, aka William P. Gale, William Gale, Colonel William P. Gale		Report made by HARRY L. GRIFFIN	Typed By: dhw
		Character of Case RM	

SUMMARY

REFERENCES: Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated 3/19/64 at Los Angeles.

Bureau letter to Miami, et al, dated 3/11/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is being submitted in accordance with the instructions in referenced Bureau letter.

Information concerning GALE is being submitted to the Bureau for inclusion of GALE's name among bombing suspects of the Los Angeles Office.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Birmingham, Tampa, Miami, and Mobile because GALE has traveled in the territory covered by those offices and has contact with individuals living in the territory covered by those offices.

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[redacted] furnishes information concerning subject's movements, and [redacted] is in a position to know [redacted]

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Will furnish background information concerning S. J. CAPT, who allegedly wrote GALE a letter appointing GALE Grand Klavaleer Commander and Organizer for the state of California.

(In connection with this lead, it is noted that SAN JACINTO CAPT, 9420 D, Las Tunas Drive (rear), San Gabriel, California, Los Angeles file 105-6140, is listed as a bombing suspect by the Los Angeles Office on the basis of his allegedly being the leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Los Angeles prior to February, 1949. It is unknown whether the S. J. CAPT referred to in

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the above lead is identical with the SAN JACINTO
CAPT.)

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AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA: Will develop background
information concerning [redacted]
who is alleged to be an associate of GALE and who is planning
on becoming active in the Ku Klux Klan with GALE.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA: Will report subject's
movements and plans for extended trips as well as his
activities in organizations mentioned in this report.

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Characterization of BUTTERWORTH
and VENABLE.

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Report of:

HARRY L. GRIFFIN

Office: Los Angeles, California

Date:

May 25, 1964

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

62-105253

Title:

WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis:

GALE was born 11/20/16 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is divorced; retired from the U. S. Army; recently employed by Wadell and Reed Brokerage Firm; is a candidate for U. S. Congress in the 6/2/64 Primary; and resides in Lancaster, California. He claims to have served under General DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR in World War II and to have organized guerrilla forces in the Philippines. GALE has stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He attended a meeting of Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace on 6/11/63. He was a moving factor in the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (CKIE), Lancaster, California in 1963. This organization was disbanded and GALE tried to organize a group known as Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists (AWAKE) but abandoned this group. He has recently stated he plans to re-organize CKIE after the election. At various times since 1960, GALE has tried to organize a group referred to by him as the California Rangers, an armed group to take over in an emergency. He is reported to be associated with the Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress 7/4/64. GALE was named by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, Commander of the American Nazi Party, as one of a group of former military officers who would seize United States Government by force and violence. GALE is reported

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to have been armed when present at discussion groups. His military record indicates he had an emotional problem during World War II. An associate and a casual acquaintance relate instances indicating to them GALE is possibly mentally disturbed.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Date and Place of Birth

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Subject was born November 20, 1916, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

This date and place of birth is also verified in GALE's military record (infra).

Citizenship

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GALE is a United States citizen by birth.

Education

LA T-1 (1-13-64)

February, 1946 - October, 1946
Military Student, Yale University, New Haven,
Connecticut

1935-1936

San Pedro High School,
San Pedro, California

1932-1934

Manual Arts High School,
Los Angeles, California

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1930-1932

James A. Foshay Junior
High School, Los Angeles,
California

1929-1930

Santa Barbara Street
Elementary School, Los
Angeles, California

Marital Status

Wife
Mrs. WILLIAM POTTER GALE
On June 21, 1963, IC PHILIP S. ANDRIST determined from the Los Angeles County Superior Court records, Docket No. D-621923, that WILLIAM P. GALE filed a complaint for divorce against JOSEPHINE C. GALE, nee Dvornich. This complaint shows they were married June 7, 1937, at Los Angeles, California, and separated December 4, 1962. Their children were listed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The complaint alleged that for the last several years defendant has treated plaintiff with extreme cruelty. The attorney for WILLIAM P. GALE is shown as BERTRAND L. COMPARET, 312 Orpheum Building, San Diego, California.

Bertrand COMPARET

The court record reflects that an interlocutory judgment was entered by default on January 30, 1963, whereby the defendant was awarded custody of a minor child, [REDACTED] and plaintiff was ordered to pay \$50.00 per month support for this child.

Military Service

A review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, by IC NOEL L. BAKER on January 4, 1963, for WILLIAM POTTER GALE indicated that he had military service in the United States National Guard of California from August 8, 1932, to November 12, 1934, State National Guard; from November 15, 1934, to June 4, 1937, Federal National Guard; from November 1, 1937, to September 10, 1938, State National Guard; and from January 22, 1941, to March 2, 1941, State National Guard.

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He was appointed and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States National Guard of California on March 3, 1941, under Serial No. 0 416 089 and entered on active duty on the same date at Los Angeles, California. He was honorably retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 30, 1950, at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, due to a permanent disability diagnosed as "... hepatitis, chronic, moderate, cause undetermined...." and placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List. His appointment in the U. S. Army Reserves was terminated on April 1, 1953, by operation of law. The service records indicated that he was appointed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, Officers' Reserve Corps on June 25, 1947, and accepted this appointment on June 26, 1947.

The records further contained a Disposition Board Proceedings for Officers dated February 14, 1949, at the Mc Cormack General Hospital, Pasadena 2, California, which indicated that "...He was evacuated to the U. S. in April, 1944, and sent to Letterman General Hospital where on 13 April 1944, a diagnosis of psychoneurosis, anxiety state, moderately severe, manifested by abdominal pain, indigestion, weakness, insomnia and fatigue, cause undetermined, was made..."

The records contained an efficiency folder for GALE which revealed a newspaper clipping from the "Los Angeles Times" dated July 11, 1960, which indicated that WILLIAM P. GALE of 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, California, led a parade in support of ORVAL FAUBUS, governor of Arkansas, for President.

On July 3, 1963, JOSEPHINE C. GALE, former wife of WILLIAM POTTER GALE, advised her former husband belonged to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Credit History

On May 14, 1964, IC GERALD A. BOSWELL determined from the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association that WILLIAM P. GALE has been known to that association since 1938.

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His wife's name is shown as JOSEPHINE C. GALE. His addresses were shown as 21137 South Figueroa Street, Torrance, California, and 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, California. He is shown as a retired Army officer with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and as having served 7 years. He is also shown as having been employed as an engineer by North American Aviation Company, Canoga Park, California. The file indicates that GALE has in the past received a pension from the U. S. Army. This file shows that a divorce suit was filed in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, by Attorney COMPARET, and the file of the case bears number D621923. This file also shows that as of June 26, 1962, GALE was living in Lancaster, California.

There is no derogatory information in this file concerning GALE.

Identification Record

The files of the Identification Division of the FBI, Washington, D. C., as of August 5, 1963, did not contain an arrest record identifiable with GALE.

On May 13, 1964, IC FREDERICK E. BECKER determined from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Traffic Bureau, that no record could be found which can be identified with GALE.

On May 13 and 14, 1964, IC PAUL H. CHAMBERLAIN, Jr., caused a check to be made of the Records and Identification Divisions of the LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office without finding a record identifiable with GALE under his true name or known aliases.

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Criminal files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, do not disclose records identifiable with the subject.

Employment

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GALE has been division manager for Wadell and Reed, Inc., investment brokers, 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, where he is reported to have received a salary of \$2,500.00 a month.

LA T-1 also advised that GALE retired from the U. S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and allegedly received \$357.18 per month retirement pension.

LA T-2 (5-8-64)

Some time ago GALE announced his candidacy for nomination in the Republican Primary as U. S. Congressman for the 27th California Congressional District in the primary election to be held June 2, 1964. His candidacy for Congress caused difficulty with his employer, and his employment at Wadell and Reed was terminated, date unknown. As of May 8, 1964, he was unemployed.

LA T-1 (1-13-64)

GALE was formerly employed during the periods and by the firms as set forth below:

March, 1956 - February, 1957, Engineer, North American Aviation, Inc., 6633 Canoga Park Boulevard, Canoga Park, California;

April, 1953 - March, 1956, unemployed;

October, 1951 - April, 1953, Engineer, Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California.

October, 1934 - June 30, 1950, United States Army, Serial No. 0416089.

LA T-7 (2-19-64)

On February 16, 1964, [redacted] California
[redacted] for the National States Rights Party (NSRP)

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(see appendix), stated that the investment firm of Wadell and Reed, Los Angeles, California, is owned by Colonel WILLIAM GALE, Dr. WESLEY A. SWIFT, and RICHARD BUTLER, National Director of the Christian Defense League (CDL), in which both GALE and SWIFT are interested. [redacted] added that GALE is an investment counselor for this firm, and he is also the head of the California Rangers (infra).

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Residence

LA T-2 (5-8-64)

GALE resides at 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California, where he has lived since December, 1962. His mother, MARY AGNES GALE, nee POTTER, lived at this address until her death in March, 1964.

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GALE formerly lived at the following addresses:

February, 1954 - December, 1962	1842 Outpost Drive Los Angeles 28
November, 1949 - February, 1954	21137 South Figueroa Street, Torrance
October, 1946 - November, 1949	General Headquarters, Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan
January, 1946 - October, 1946	New Haven, Connecticut
March, 1941 - January, 1946	Various United States and overseas military bases
January, 1937 - March, 1941	6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles

Physical Description

Name
Birth Data

WILLIAM POTTER GALE
November 20, 1916
St. Paul, Minnesota

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Height	5'9"
Weight	140 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Education	Four years of college
Civilian Occupation	Shown as administrative
Military Occupation	Plans and Policies Officer
Relatives	Former wife - Mrs. JOSEPHINE GALE, 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (February 4, 1943); Father - CHARLES GALE Mother - MARY A. GALE, both residing at 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (February 4, 1943)
Employments	Bill's Cafe, 2411 West Florence Avenue, state, city, and dates not shown; San Pedro Smelting and Refining Company from October, 1937, to February, 1941, state and city not shown
Veterans Administration Claim Number	C-6 052 911, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Los Angeles, California.

LA T-2 (5-8-64)

GALE appears to be in good physical condition.

Make. and Model of Automobile

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The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, shows that GALE is the registered owner of a 1962 Mercedes Benz, four door sedan, California License No. IMR 003.

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Photograph

A photograph of GALE is available.

Special Abilities of Subject

LA T-1 (1-13-64)

Subject indicates to persons with whom he comes in contact that during World War II he served under the personal direction of General DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR; and, as an infantry officer trained in logistics, he was selected by General MAC ARTHUR to organize guerrilla forces in the Philippines.

LA T-1 stated that inquiry had failed to verify these claims made by GALE.

LA T-3 (6-6-63)

GALE is a nice-looking man, speaks well, makes a good appearance and is convincing when he tries to make a point by oral reasoning or argument. He claims to know responsible people and is reported to have conferred with

Associates

A review of available information concerning GALE reflects his closest associates both in business and socially are as follows:

Dr. WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT

RICHARD GIRNT BUTLER *Richard Butler*

CONNECTIONS WITH KLAN-TYPE
AND HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

LA T-3 (6-6-63)

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[redacted] GALE stated in effect he is a small part of a large organization and that he and his associates

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[redacted]
Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace
(VAW) (see appendix)

LA T-4 (6-12-63)
LA T-5 (6-21-63)

On June 11, 1963, there was a meeting of the John G. Crommelin (see appendix) Faction of the Old Volunteers for Alabama and Wallace at Harrogate Springs, Alabama, attended by WILLIAM POTTER GALE. GALE stated that he had seven men in Los Angeles, California, armed with Browning Assault rifles capable of firing 500 rounds per minute. He claims these men will go anywhere he says and will kill anyone he designates.

GALE played a tape recording of a speech by Dr. WESLEY SWIFT.

GALE also spoke at this meeting and expressed his opposition to Negroes, Jews, and the KENNEDY Administration.

*Christian Knights of the Invisible
Empire (CKIE)

LA T-2 (10-21-63)

On October 19, 1963, the CKIE, also known as the Ku Klux Klan (see appendix), held an initiation meeting on October 19, 1963, at which approximately 38 members were inducted. Informant stated this meeting was presided over by WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, Lancaster, California. SWIFT declared

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the objectives of the organization as preserving the Constitution of the United States and the white race and to fight communism. The members who were initiated were furnished white-cloth robes and white-cloth hoods with eyeholes, and instructed to wear robes and firearms to subsequent meetings.

LA T-2 subsequently advised that this organization



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On November 10, 1963, [redacted] was burned by unknown persons who threw "Molotov cocktails" through a window and on the roof.

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Investigation conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office indicates that [redacted] probably started the fire, but evidence developed was insufficient to support a criminal prosecution.

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Investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reflected that WILLIAM POTTER GALE, SWIFT and [redacted] are three principal members controlling CKIE.

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On December 26, 1963, LA T-2 advised that SWIFT and GALE, who have been having a struggle for power over who would actually control the local CKIE organization, had a violent argument and decided to split.

LA T-2 stated that SWIFT has recently been ridiculing GALE and the CKIE members by describing them as "night shirt" boys. GALE is being left in charge of CKIE, and SWIFT is assuming leadership of an organization in Los Angeles known as the CDL.

LA T-2 subsequently advised that as of November 15, 1963, the over-all structure of CKIE was as follows:

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"FIRST FRONT - This is the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, and from its faithful members are recruited members for the

"SECOND FRONT - This is the AWAKE MOVEMENT, and from this group are selected the more militant members who will comprise the

"THIRD FRONT - This will be the CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, which will have the outward impression of a political-religious group not interested in violence and from this group will be selected the most militant for the

"INNER DEN - These persons will be the members of the CKIE who commit acts of violence."

LA T-2 (2-26-64)

GALE advised that the AWAKE movement is dead and that he plans to cooperate with Dr. SWIFT in the CDL.

LA T-2 advised that an associate of GALE had told him that the AWAKE movement was only a "trial balloon" that never went up and that it was based primarily on the tape recordings by Dr. SWIFT which were mailed out to anyone who was interested. This individual concluded that the AWAKE movement was centered almost exclusively around SWIFT's church group.

LA T-2 stated that SWIFT had stated that his attorney, BETRAND COMPARET, and other individuals had advised him to disband the CKIE, which he had done, and SWIFT claimed that the movement was completely dead in the state of California. SWIFT stated that his attorney told him that the church might be endangered if he continued the movement as well as SWIFT's personal position because of investigation on the part of law enforcement agencies to solve acts of violence in the Lancaster area which they apparently attributed to members of the CKIE.

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SWIFT also stated that there will be no more violence associated with him or GALE or anyone else associated with them and that their future efforts will be concentrated in CDL. SWIFT concluded that he must protect his Church of Jesus Christ - Christian at all cost as well as his own position.

GALE expressed much the same point of view as that attributed to SWIFT and stated that he is no longer interested in any type of violence and feels that more can be accomplished through CDL in defending white Christianity.

LA T-2 stated that CDL has 13 directors composed of SWIFT and GALE and that they met twice monthly at SWIFT's home in Lancaster. GALE has been designated as the organizer for the state of California. The United States is split up similar to Congressional Districts, and plans have been made to recruit for the organization on a nation-wide basis at a membership cost of \$12 per year for each individual joining CDL. The ground work for acquiring a tax exempt status for CDL in the state of California uses the same reasons as those used by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith. SWIFT claimed that he merely substituted "white Christians" for the term NAACP or ADL when they made their request for tax exemption.

LA T-2 stated that GALE has been designated to act as liaison agent by the CDL and "Southern patriotic groups" in the Southern states.

LA T-2 (4-3-64)

Call On [redacted] GALE made the statement that [redacted] was responsible for burning [redacted] intimating that he, GALE, had nothing to do with this incident. At this time GALE exhibited a letter bearing the caption of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which stated in effect that GALE was appointed as the Grand Klavaleer Commander and Organizer for the entire state of California. This letter stated that the organization was to operate under the name of "Knights of the Invisible Empire," and the letter was signed by S. J. CAPT, Atlanta, Georgia.

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LA T-2 stated GALE told him that Klaverns in other parts of the state are very tightly knit. He mentioned Klaverns in San Diego, Long Beach, Whittier, San Fernando Valley, Hollywood, the South Bay area, and "up North."

LA T-2 (4-3-64)

On March 31, 1964, informant advised that GALE's mother died of natural causes in Lancaster approximately three weeks ago and that [REDACTED]

Informant stated he gathered from talking to GALE that in the event he does not win his race for Congress that he will again activate the CKIE and exploit the racial situation in order to "burn up his energy." GALE has also indicated that when the CKIE is re-organized that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] former activities in CKIE. He did not describe these activities in detail.

LA T-2 (3-25-64)

Informant stated that GALE had recently discussed the CKIE and stated that the organization is "on ice" in the Lancaster area but is still active in other parts of California. LA T-2 stated that this statement by GALE is indicative of his unstable mental condition inasmuch as GALE had recently stated that the klan had been disbanded throughout the entire state of California but in the above statement indicates that he has completely reversed himself.

CONFIDENTIAL
LA T-2 advised that on March 25, 1964, [REDACTED] stated in effect that GALE had [REDACTED] concerning [REDACTED] in the Lancaster area. [REDACTED] was unable to arrive at a conclusion as to who would actually run the organization if it were reactivated. GALE allegedly stated that if the CKIE were reactivated that security would be much tighter and that [REDACTED]

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members would keep their hoods and robes on to prevent any one from knowing the identity of other members.

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LA T-2 advised that a person by the name of [redacted]

an associate of GALE, had been visiting in Lancaster and staying with a person referred to as [redacted] name unknown. LA T-2 has gathered from statements he has heard [redacted]

[redacted] but he did not know the administrative detail to be followed by [redacted] Mrs. SWIFT recently made the statement that [redacted]

LA T-2 advised [redacted] is a white male American, about [redacted] years old, [redacted] tall, weighing [redacted] pounds with [redacted]

California Rangers

LA T-6 (3-28-60)

Informant advised he had received information to the effect that the California Rangers was being organized by GALE who stated the purpose of the organization was to develop 20,000 fully armed and trained men who could be put in the streets of Los Angeles within six hours after an emergency. He intimated that an emergency could arise over the Negro problem and agitation of the Negroes by the Jews.

LA T-2 (4-24-64)

On April 23, 1964, GALE stated there was to be [redacted] California, of persons whom he did not identify for the purpose of [redacted] with other organizations which appear to have the same objectives.

LA T-7 (1-17-64)

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On January 15, 1964, [redacted] stated that Colonel GALE and his California Rangers were holding training maneuvers in the Lancaster, California, area. GALE was reported as a former officer who was trapped in the Philippines during the Japanese occupation and lead guerrilla resistance against the Japanese.

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LA T-7 (1-12-64)

On January 2, 1964, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that WESLEY SWIFT has a church in the Los Angeles area at which he holds meetings on Thursdays and Sundays. [redacted] stated that SWIFT is a close friend of Colonel GALE, head of the California Rangers, a group organized to take over in the event of hostilities between Russia and the United States.

The "Los Angeles Times" of April 5, 1964, carried an article entitled "Legion Post 'Hate Talk' Story Told." This article relates in substance that the Signal Hill American Legion Post No. 490, Signal Hill, California, on March 9, 1963, heard an anti-Semitic, anti-Negro speech. The article continued that Colonel WILLIAM P. GALE, a new post member who was handling the annual "Americanism" address, said that Jews were behind the integration movement. GALE was referred to as an avowed segregationist.

According to the newspaper article, the information concerning the anti-Negro and anti-Semitic statements were testified to by a witness who had allegedly attended the meetings where the statements were made and were testifying before a board of the American Legion to determine whether disciplinary action should be taken against the Signal Hill Post.

The "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" of April 6, 1964, carried an article entitled, "Deny Legion Post Bias Charges." This article stated in effect that WILLIAM P. GALE vigorously denied he ever spoke publicly against minority groups.

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Committee of One Million Caucasians
to March on Congress 7/4/64
(COMCMC)

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The following is set forth concerning HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH and JAMES R. VENABLE who, according to information from LA T-7, were among others responsible for organizing COMCMC.

LA T-8 (4-27-64)

HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH is a former radio and television announcer from Pennsylvania. He came to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in October, 1961, and became Director of Public Relations for United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (see appendix). He came to Atlanta, Georgia, in February, 1962, and was a prime mover in organizing the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc. (see appendix). At the present time he is secretary of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc., and Director of Public Relations for the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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JAMES R. VENABLE is a practicing attorney in Atlanta, Georgia. He has been a member of the various Ku Klux Klan groups since the 1920's and has served as legal counsel for at least five different Klan organizations. VENABLE is presently chairman of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (see appendix), and is president of the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc. (see appendix).

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LA T-7 (4-13-64)

On April 10, 1964, a meeting of the COMCMC was held at the residence of CLINTON G. WHEAT, 233 South Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles, California. At this meeting, [redacted] NSRP, invited by WHEAT as featured speaker, outlined the objectives of the NSRP in California for those in attendance. This source advised that WHEAT also spoke in connection with the march on Congress, July 4, 1964, and stated that the amount of \$12,000 had already been spent on organizing the march. WHEAT stated that HERBERT W. BUTTERWORTH (supra), Colonel WILLIAM POTTER GALE, JAMES R. VENABLE (supra), and he (WHEAT) are the individuals nationally responsible for the organization of the march. WHEAT stated that meetings of this committee will be held at his residence every Friday night until the march occurs in July.

LA T-7 advised April 12, 1964, that Colonel WILLIAM POTTER GALE had recently stated that he was in favor of the march on Congress.

LA T-7 on April 14, 1964, made available a leaflet titled, "Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, July 4th, 1964. We're Taking Back our Country." This leaflet indicates that the national headquarters for the march is located at Post Office Box 4846, Federal Annex, Atlanta, Georgia, with California State Headquarters at 233 South Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles, California. Among the remarks in this leaflet is, "We have left one last chance to wrest control of the U. S. Government from the Communist hands of foreign and domestic anti-Christian, African negroes and arch-traitors of Congress who have been bought by them body and soul. Unless action is taken, at once, our Constitutional Republic will die, and open warfare will begin between the races." Referring to the U. S. as a Socialist government, this leaflet states, "The cause of this terrible tragedy lies, not because of 5 unworthy Presidents

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in a row. It is not due to 9 Communist-voting Judges of the Supreme Court. It's sole cause is the outright purchase of Americanism, the Honor and the very Aryan, Caucasian blood in the veins of Christian Judas Iscariots in the U. S. Congress. They have sold, for gold, the people's control of the just powers bequeathed to them, by the white Caucasians who established our country." This leaflet continues on, and instructs the recipient of the leaflet on how to organize the march, how to raise funds by asking each store in town for a minimum of \$100.00 and states that 40 per cent of all money collected goes to the National Committee, 30 per cent is sent to the state organizations, and 30 per cent is kept by the local committee for expenses.

Other Activities by GALE
Indicating he follows a
Policy of Violence

On March 1, 1964, [redacted] self-designated [redacted] (see appendix). [redacted] advised that [redacted] that GALE is to lead a group of former military officers to seize the government of the United States by force and violence.

[redacted] stated that with respect to this reported plan that he did not actually know that there was a leader of the group referred to but if there were such a leader, it would be [redacted] guess that the individual would be Colonel WILLIAM GALE of Hollywood, California.

STATEMENTS BY SUBJECT CONCERNING
VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY IN RACIAL SITUATIONS

On September 12, 1963, [redacted] advised he is [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that in his opinion this group was so fanatical that if war were ever declared, they are the type of individuals who would go on the streets and shoot all Negroes and Jews in sight. He described them as a very dangerous group.

[redacted] stated that after attending one of the meetings, [redacted] and while there, he noticed that all in attendance were armed. At this meeting the group sat around and discussed how they could acquire arms and [redacted] stated that GALE brags that the police cannot do anything about his carrying a gun because the Constitution states that a citizen can bear arms.

Referral/Consult



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The "Independent Press Telegram," Long Beach, California, of August 25, 1963, carried an article entitled, "Hill Legion Post Faces Expulsion" which sets forth information to the effect that the Signal Hill, California, American Legion Post No. 490 has been used as a front for an underground hate group and faces expulsion from the National Veterans Organization. This newspaper article also related that GEORGE JOSEPH KING, 30, of Long Beach, a member of the Rangers, was arrested earlier in the month for selling automatic weapons to Federal Agents. It was added that KING was a member of the Signal Hill Legion Post.

This article added that Colonel WILLIAM GALE, who has been a candidate for Governor in California in 1958 of the Constitution Party, is head of the Rangers. He allegedly transferred his legion membership from a Beverly Hills Post to the Signal Hill Post earlier in the year.

On January 27, 1964, [redacted] Certifications Officer, Secretary of State's Office, Sacramento, California, furnished a copy of the articles of incorporation of the California Rangers dated February 25, 1944, which bears Corporation No. 194263. The purpose of the organization is described as, "To promote Americanism to augment and develop the qualities of better citizenship, loyalty, and devotion to our country, the United States of North America..."

GALE is not shown as one of the original incorporators of the California Rangers.

Since about 1960, GALE has at various times tried to organize a group known as the California Rangers, which he contends would be in a position to take over and restore order in the event of an emergency, which he anticipates might arise due to difficulty between established law enforcement agencies and Negroes and Jews who may oppose such authority.

MISCELLANEOUS

On March 17, 1964, [redacted] who lives in [redacted] and who was visiting in Lancaster, California, [redacted]

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[] reported that GALE introduced himself as a retired Colonel from the United States Army and during [] stated that he planned to go to Birmingham, Alabama, to Nebraska, and to Houston, Texas, where he would visit a friend by the name of [] (phonetic) who has just []

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GALE also told [] that he was a friend of retired United States Army General WALKER of Dallas, Texas. He also commented that he, GALE, pulls his house trailer to Mexico frequently.

[] reported that GALE made several statements indicating that he was opposed to the present administration in Washington, that he was anti-Negro and anti-Semitic. Because of these statements, DAILEY got the impression that GALE was possibly mentally disturbed.

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Informant summarized subject's activities in substance as follows:

GALE, through the years, has been extremely active in disseminating anti-Negro and anti-Semitic information. He is a close associate of Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, Minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, in Lancaster.

Note: An article in the "Los Angeles Times" dated May 8, 1962, entitled, "Probe of 'Hate Groups' Urged by County Unit," stated in part that the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations identified the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, among others, as a hate group. This group, conducted by WESLEY A. SWIFT, reportedly castigates the Jews and Negroes and preaches the maintenance of a "white Christian autocracy."

Several members of Dr. SWIFT's congregation were recently interrogated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's

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Department in connection with an arson investigation. On November 16, 1963, GALE, identifying himself as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Christian, contacted Sergeant JOHN H. BENGSTON, Antelope Valley Station, for the purpose of determining why members of the Church were being harassed by the Sheriff's Department.

During the course of the conversation with Sergeant BENGSTON, GALE expounded quite freely on his beliefs especially that he was an ardent supporter of individual State's Rights. GALE also stated during this conversation that he was the organizer of the California Rangers.

Note: According to available information, GALE organized the California Rangers in 1960 for the purpose of augmenting the civil defense agencies and local police functions in the event of a national emergency, military or civil catastrophe.

1958 to present - GALE, along with WESLEY A. SWIFT and Attorney BERTRAND L. COMPARET, reportedly organized the Christian Defense League which would function for Christians as the Anti-Defamation League does for Jews.

GALE was present at the induction meeting of the Christian Knights of the Invisible Empire (Ku Klux Klan) held [REDACTED] in Lancaster.

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
OF THE WORLD UNION OF
FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL
SOCIALISTS, Also Known As The
George Lincoln Rockwell Party

In his book "This Time the World", copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963 issue of "The Richmond News Leader", a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits the use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 19, 1963, a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature, and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

On December 13, 1963, this source advised that in about September, 1960, the ANP initiated the Fighting American Nationalists (FAN) as a front group for the ANP although it has never been a separate organization. The source said the FAN name is merely used on occasion instead of the ANP name and there are no separate officials for FAN, the FAN officials being identical with the ANP officials. He stated that George

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Lincoln Rockwell has informed him the FAN name was originally used as a device to attract supporters to his organization who might rebel at the use of the swastika and at being labeled as a Nazi.

He added that the ANP has operated under the FAN name throughout the country with the exception of a group operating under the FAN name in Baltimore, Maryland. He said the FAN group in Baltimore is now, and always has been, a separate organization and not a part of the ANP.

On October 3, 1963, [redacted] the admitted [redacted] of the FAN group in Baltimore, Maryland, advised that the Baltimore FAN, which was organized in the spring of 1961, has no official connection with the ANP although until December, 1962, it received all its literature from George Lincoln Rockwell's ANP.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual", an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda" and fourth, "that attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses".

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APPENDIXNATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in November 26, 1957 issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958 issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party," reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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DEFENSIVE LEGION OF REGISTERED AMERICANS, INC.,
formerly known as Protective Legion of Registered
Americans, also known as Christian Voters and
Buyers League

A source advised in March, 1962, that HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH, Public Relations Director, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), explained to a group of officials of United Klans at a meeting on March 1, 1962, that a new organization was to be set up. BUTTERWORTH explained that the organization would be a front organization of the United Klans and its purpose would be to sponsor and organize a series of segregationist events in Atlanta, Georgia, in July, 1962, during the week scheduled for the annual national convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Records of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect a charter was granted on April 10, 1962, to the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Inc. (DLRA) as a non-profit group, whose purpose is to "uphold the American economic system of free enterprise; to oppose Communism, Marxism, Mongrelism, and Hihilism in all their many forms; to uphold the sovereignty of the fifty states of our Union in their respective spheres; to help in the election of public officials, who believe in the principle of abiding strictly by the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitutions of the Fifty States of the United States; to educate the people of the United States as to the wisdom and righteousness of the traditional way of life our forefathers established; to force adherence to the states rights of each sovereign state in the Union of the United States.

On April 18, 1962, the first source advised that JAMES R. VENABLE, Legal Counsel for United Klans, was president of the DLRA and HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH was secretary. The source stated that an office had been set up in the Walter R.

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Brown Building, Pryor and Hunter Streets, Atlanta, Georgia, and a mailing address obtained at P. O. Box 58, Decatur, Georgia.

A third source advised in September, 1962, that the Christian Voters and Buyers League had been established as a group within DLRA to distribute anti-Jewish and anti-Negro phonograph records and literature.

The first source advised in February, 1963, that DLRA continues to distribute anti-Jewish and anti-Negro phonograph records featuring the voice of HERBERT WALLACE BUTTERWORTH, who is a former radio announcer.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
May 25, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/27/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
Racial Matters

OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven (7) xerox copies of a throwaway of the CDL. This throwaway was made available on May 19, 1964, by [REDACTED]

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One copy of the above is enclosed for Mobile and San Diego.

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1-Mobile (JOHN G. CROMMELIN) (Encl. 1)
1-San Diego (BERTRAND L. COMPARET) (Encl. 1)
7-Los Angeles (2 - 157-801)
 (1 - 157-NEW) [REDACTED]
 (1 - 157-845) (RICHARD G. BUTLER)
 (1 - 105-6272) (BERTRAND L. COMPARET)
 (1 - 157-96) (JOHN G. CROMMELIN)
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R. G. BUTLER
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Dear Christian American:

Is this YOUR decision? Do YOU approve of brotherhood with the anti-Christ? Do you REALLY KNOW what it means? For example, anti-Christ Gus Hall, Communist Party USA said: (quote),

"I dream of the day when the last congressman is strangled to death on the guts of the last preacher ... and since Christians seem to love singing about the blood, why not give them a little of it? Slit the throats of their children and draw them over the mourner's bench and pulpit, and allow them to drown in their own blood, and then see whether they enjoy singing those hymns." (Gus Hall (Halberg) in his funeral oration for Eugene Dennis, US National Chairman of the Communist Party).

Another anti-Christ, Madalyn Murray, has filed suits to remove prayer and Bible reading in public schools. The Supreme Court upheld the ruling of the lower court. She is now filing suits in several states to get the historical tax exempt status of churches abolished. This will close the doors of churches all over America, since high city taxation will prohibit continuing operation in many areas.

Numerous other projects are under way to remove every last vestige of Christianity from our society. If you have researched the facts for yourself you know that this blueprint includes:

Removal of the words "under God" from the pledge of Allegiance. The same Madalyn Murray has promised to take any legal action necessary to accomplish this, according to an Associated Press news release dated April 7, 1964.

Removal of the word "Christian" from the YWCA and YMCA. Read news reports of the National Convention held in Cleveland on April 21, 1964, in which this was brought up.

Removal of Chaplains in the armed services. Increasing pressure is being brought to bear to accomplish this in the very near future.

Removal of "In God We Trust" from our coins.

Banning of the repeating of the verse in our national anthem in public schools which mentions the name of God.

Banning of Christian observances, such as displays of the Nativity scene in public places; or distribution of church programs and literature on public property. Both of these were attempted in Los Angeles in December 1963, but Christians united their opposition and the ban was not enforced. Have you noticed the almost complete disappearance of Christian symbols on Christmas and Easter cards?

Total removal of the Bible from schools. This is already an accomplished fact in some areas.

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"Thou shalt not abridge these freedoms which God has given us."

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Why is it 'wrong' to expose our youth to the Word of God wherein they might learn the source of their beginnings, their heritage and destiny, the MORAL LAWS OF CHRISTIANITY, when at the same time it is perfectly acceptable to furnish them with pornography, filth in magazines and the most degrading forms of 'literature'?

Why, really, have Christians permitted their minds to fall under the spell of the anti-Christian brainwashing techniques designed to separate them from their faith? Why have we been so gullible as to swallow false ideas carefully planted by clever semantics? Why have we pushed aside God given instincts which repel evil ideas, replacing inherent knowledge with a "synthetic conscience" which denies truth as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ?

Have Americans forgotten who they are? This Republic is, and always has been, a CHRISTIAN nation. There is a wealth of documentation to prove it, including Supreme Court decisions, the history of the establishment of the colonies and later of the individual states; the written Constitution based on the Holy Bible, and countless other facts. Have we forgotten that public schools were originally founded for the express purpose of teaching the young to read and write in order that they might study the Scriptures? Or that Harvard College was established to TRAIN MINISTERS IN THE GOSPEL?

The hour is late and the task is one which requires every Christian to rise to his God given responsibility. Christians all over America are awakening to meet this challenge, as God prophesied. Christians, a minority in the world order, are the majority in the United States. These facts also are scriptural. THE ONLY THING NECESSARY TO PRESERVE OUR CHRISTIAN CIVILIZATION IS THE UNITED EFFORT OF CHRISTIANS! This is the one thing the enemies of Christianity fear above all else!

The Christian Defense League was established for this very purpose. It's objective is to build a national membership representing the voice of approximately 145 million white Christians in the United States. This voice of Christians will have both the power and the lawful authority to prevent any pressure groups from destroying our Christian society.

THE CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE PROGRAM

The Christian Defense League is not just another anti-communist pamphleteering organization - it is an ACTION body. Members participate through action in their own communities in projects of both local and national interest.

LEGAL DIVISION.

Only highly qualified, Christian attorneys serve on the legal staff of the CDL. Cases are selected, on their merits, representing Christian individuals or groups who experience discrimination or harrassment because of their Christian stand. Publicity attendant to these trials help to inform Christians to what is happening in their nation.

CHRISTIAN BUYERS GUIDES.

To strengthen Christian economy, these directories will be published in the communities as membership growth will permit.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

Members will work as CDL units to enforce laws protecting Christian rights and to effect any new legislation required. Christian parents will exercise their constitutionally protected right to demand the teaching of true American history of Christian ethics and morality.

CHRISTIANS IN GOVERNMENT.

We should never forget the Christian foundation of the United States; how a handful of determined European Christians forged out of an uncharted wilderness a nation which produced in less than 100 years, more wealth than had been produced by the rest of the world in all its recorded history! These nation builders depended on Divine inspiration and guidance to create the Christian Constitution which has made possible the finest way of life ever known, extending its benefits to peoples of every nation in the world. Is this not reason to protect our priceless heritage by electing CHRISTIANS to carry out the affairs of government? Although the CDL is non-partisan, it will advocate the election of Christians at all levels.

SPECIAL PROJECTS .

Christians, in defending their way of life must take the offensive. The enemies of Christianity have been allowed to pursue their course of destruction mainly because THERE WAS NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE to their actions. The plan to remove the tax exemption of churches is being met with the resistance of Christians across the nation who are circulating the CDL petition protesting these attempts. The Christian Defense League will present this mass of signed petitions to the Congress to register their disapproval of the suits being filed. The circulating of the petition and the information accompanying it is bringing dramatic response as Americans awaken to truth and go into action.

Other projects include the showing of educational films depicting world events affecting our civilization - supplying news not provided by the usual mass communications media.

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE FELLOWSHIP.

CDL members find their greatest source of satisfaction in the fellowship of other Christians who have the same background, culture and objectives. Working, learning, creating and achieving together provides new outlook, optimism, and an indefinable quality by which fear, inability to face the realities of the situation, is replaced with quiet courage and a new sense of power.

Christians, united, are happy. They know where they are going, and why, and how. Only Christians united by the bond of faith and race will regain their heritage, preserve their Republic and fulfill their destiny against the great financial power of the anti-Christ. Will YOU join in this action program by sending in your membership application today?

Annual membership is \$12.00 if paid in full. It can be paid on a \$1.00 per month basis after paying \$2.00 to cover a \$1.00 registration fee, plus \$1.00 for the first month. Life Membership is \$100.00, family life memberships \$1,000. Terms can be arranged for the larger memberships also.

WHY DOES THE APPLICATION SPECIFY "WHITE RACE?"

The minority white race, estimated to be less than one sixth of the global population, is threatened with extinction. The non-white races with overwhelming numerical advantage, have many organized pressure groups operating world wide to promote their interests; but who represents the white Christian?

It is imperative that white Christians unify their determination to repel these attempts to extinguish their race by amalgamation and murder. If any doubt the reality of this conquest, consider what is happening all over the world, at this very minute! Who is it that is being butchered, tortured and murdered in such places as the Congo, Algeria, Angola, Tanganyika and Zanzibar? These victims are the missionaries, the professional and business men and women and their children; members of YOUR race and faith. These Christians have gone to the pagan nations, devoting their efforts to bringing progress to those who have not the initiative and skill to develop it for themselves.

The written records of man's history show that the civilization which has brought to people everywhere the greatest degree of prosperity and learning ever known is the direct result of white Christian initiative, scientific knowledge and labor. These builders have shared freely the gifts of their spiritual understanding with every nation and race on the earth.

Jesus Christ did not teach that his children should surrender themselves to evil; rather, that they should resist it with their very lives, if necessary. As Christians we must unite to preserve our faith and race. Permitting the destruction of white Christianity would blot out forever the force which has provided the greatest good for all mankind.



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Christian Defense League

617 South Olive Street • Los Angeles 14, California

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEDGE

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST; I AM OF THE WHITE RACE;
I SUPPORT THE LAWFULLY ADOPTED WRITTEN CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED SOVEREIGN STATES OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA. I WILL UPHOLD,
DEFEND AND PERPETUATE MY FAITH, MY RACE AND MY COUNTRY
AGAINST ALL ENEMIES WHOMSOEVER, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC,
SO HELP ME GOD!

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 6/16/64

FROM : *WY* SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

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[] has advised that during the recent election held at Lancaster, California, GALE received one third of the votes cast in the 27th California Congressional District, for the Congressional seat from that District. Though defeated, [] has advised that GALE's political future is undecided at this time.

It is to be noted that at the present time [] to GALE and his activities in the Lancaster, California area. In addition, [] Informant (Probationary) is making inroads [] with WESLEY SWIFT, GALE, and others.

The Los Angeles Office UACB will not interview GALE concerning the bombing of the Sixteenth Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63. It is felt that an interview at this time would jeopardize the two informants who are closely acquainted with GALE and an interview could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau because of GALE's continued interest in the political field.

It is recommended that consideration for interview of GALE be held in abeyance until after 11/3/64.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lavin

To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)

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From: Director, FBI (62-105253)-43

WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
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You should promptly interview the subject and furnish the results thereof in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. The previous instructions in referenced Bureau letter should be followed.

Since the information concerning Gale came from a source in [redacted] the Bureau does not feel that such an interview would jeopardize [redacted] Informant (Probationary).

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NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memo dated 6/22/64 captioned "William Potter Gale, Racial Matters," RBL:jgs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *RH*

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lavin

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

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Holmes ☒
Gandy ☒

William Potter Gale is a former Army officer presently living in Lancaster, California. He is attempting to form a militant group to be known as the Army of White American Kingdom Evangelists which is to use the short name "Awake." This organization apparently has as its objective to preserve the white race and fight communism.

One [redacted] the subject of a racial matters investigation in [redacted] has made statements to a former informant, [redacted], that Gale may have had some connection with [redacted] which occurred in [redacted]. It is known that Gale [redacted] around this time.

The Los Angeles Office requested authority to interview Gale and it was granted since this appeared to be a logical interview. However, the interview was put off since information had been received indicating that Gale announced his candidacy for nomination in the Republican primary as U. S. Congressman for a California Congressional District. The primary elections were held on June 2, 1964, and Gale was defeated. Los Angeles has now indicated they will not interview Gale since they believe that such an interview would jeopardize two informants who are [redacted] Gale and an interview with Gale could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau because of his continued interest in the political field.

Gale was an unsuccessful candidate and the original information came from a Florida source. Interviewing Gale will not endanger the informants in California and Gale's political stature is nil, therefore he should be interviewed.

ACTION:

That the attached airtel be sent to the Los Angeles Office instructing that Office to promptly interview Gale.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel June 16, 1964, with accompanying LHM dated June 15, 1964, captioned "American Nazi Party, Christian Defense League, Racial Matters."

Re LHM did not contain a characterization for the American Nazi Party (ANP) and the Christian Knights of the Imperial Empire and in addition, the Christian Defense League (CDL) was not given a brief description in the memorandum.

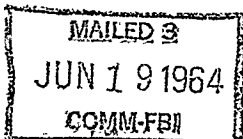
Immediately submit a LHM in line with the above.

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NOTE: George Lincoln Rockwell, Commander of the ANP, met with members of the CDL in California on June 10, 1964, to consider a merger of the ANP with the CDL. The CDL is a semi-religious segregationist organization in California headed by Dr. Wesley Swift, a former associate of Gerald L. K. Smith, who has been described as a "hate monger."

The merger of the ANP with the CDL did not take place.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-70374)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-9)(157-801)
SUBJECT: AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, containing information concerning the ANP and CDL.

The source utilized for the information in the letterhead memo is [REDACTED] Informant (Probationary).

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to Mobile, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Dallas, Seattle, and Richmond, because of their interest in racial matters.

One copy of this LHM are being disseminated locally to FIO, Los Angeles; OSI, District 18, Maywood and 115th INTC, Region II, Pasadena.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California
June 15, 1964

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

Sergeant [REDACTED]

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Another source advised on June 11, 1964, that [REDACTED]

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY (ANP)
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

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This source stated that after [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated a meeting of the ANP was held at 7:00 P.M. June 10, 1964, at 1017 Arlington Avenue, Los Angeles. At this meeting Rockwell announced he and Forbes had spent the afternoon with Dr. Wesley Swift and Richard G. Butler, CDL, concerning the possible merger of the CDL and the ANP. Rockwell claimed that this was the first time two national leaders of "right-wing" organizations have come together to consider a merger.

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Rockwell urged the members of the ANP in Los Angeles to become more militant and said they should keep "fighting in the streets and keep the ANP in the newspapers."

Rockwell stated his host during his recent visit in Seattle, Washington, was an employee at the Boeing Aircraft Company and possessed a top secret clearance. He stated this man made all arrangements with the University of Washington concerning Rockwell's appearance on the campus. Rockwell stated that his host took him on a two day camping and fishing trip close to the Canadian border.

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1 - Mr. Freund

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To: SAC, Miami (157-918)
From: Director, FBI (157-1263)

RACIAL MATTERS
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Re Miami airtel 3/9/64.

Miami should advise the Bureau of the security
precautions being taken by the

Miami
should also prepare a MEMO on this matter and locally advise
Secret Service concerning the fact that is now in possession
of Miami Office should intensify coverage of

Complete background concerning should be
developed and he should be placed upon
list. Consideration should be given to ascertaining
long distance calls particularly in relation to William Potter
in the Ingelos and in Mobile.
Consideration should be given to conducting spot surveillance
to ascertain his acquaintances and associates.

Mobile should develop full background concerning
in view of the allegations of

Similar investigation should be
conducted concerning him as outlined above concerning
and consideration should be given to placing him on the
suspect list of the Mobile Office.

- 1 - Atlanta (info)
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- 1 - Los Angeles (157-246)
- 2 - Mobile (157-494)

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Reference is made to Buairtel to Miami and Mobile dated 9/25/63 and to Los Angeles 9/26/63 captioned "Investigation of Leaders of Klan-Type and Hate-Type Organizations, Racial Matters" calling for summary reports on certain individuals. Miami should immediately undertake the preparation of a summary report on [REDACTED] Mobile on [REDACTED] and Los Angeles on William Potter Gale.

Information on [REDACTED] and Gale should be furnished locally to Secret Service.

7-7-64

EX-105

Airtel

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-801)

From: Director, FBI

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS

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Immediately furnish a letterhead memorandum setting forth the background pertaining to the Christian Defense League literature which was enclosed with Relet.

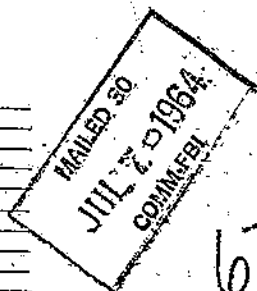
In the future when submitting material of this type do not simply submit the material but submit it as an enclosure to a letterhead memorandum.

NOTE: The Los Angeles Division has submitted a petition protesting attempts to abolish the Tax Exempt Status of churches. The Christian Defense League is under investigation by the Los Angeles Office as a possible hate group. Los Angeles submitted the petition but it is not suitable for dissemination in its present form.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/22/64

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801) (P)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: LOS ANGELES

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of a CDL letter and a petition protesting the removal of Tax Exempt Status of churches. This letter and petition were received from [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles, California on 6/16/64.

Copies of this letter and petition are being disseminated to local intelligence agencies because of their interest in these matters.

R. G. Butler
National Director League
Christian Defense div. St.
677 South Los Angeles, Calif

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
617 South Olive St. Flr. 3
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Christian:

The enclosed petition protesting attempts to abolish churches by the device of removing their tax exempt status is a Christian Defense League project in which all members are requested to participate. The idea of this petition was submitted by a group of CDL members. It was discussed with a number of other members who agreed unanimously that it would accomplish several objectives such as the following:

1. Thousands of names, (millions, we hope!) on this petition will have an impact on our elected representatives in Congress as well as on the enemies of Christianity. This awareness of the mass determination on the part of Christians to defend their faith and culture should be a powerful deterrent to the landslide toward complete anti-Christian control of our nation.
2. For those Christians in the United States who are still unaware of the catastrophic intent to "bury them" it will provide documented proof of the plot to destroy Christianity.
3. Informed Christians become patriots with a burning desire to defend their faith and nation. The need for uniting Christian strength is obvious. The Christian Defense League is designed for exactly this purpose - not to infringe on the autonomy of other patriotic and Christian organizations, but to provide an umbrella under which to unite individual members effectively for our mutual self preservation.

The petition project is for the saving of America's spiritual centers, its churches. It should find eager acceptance in every church in the nation whose objective is truly the propagation of the Christian religion as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ. We know it will also be welcomed by all clubs and organizations dedicated to the preservation of our way of life.

Petitions and Christian Defense League information are available to members and non-members. While material is furnished cheerfully without charge, it would be appreciated if those who care to do so enclose small contribution toward postage and printing costs.

The target date for massive filing of the petitions is July 4. Let's reaffirm our Independence from socialistic-atheistic domination and our God given right to practice our religion in this nation founded by Christians under a divinely inspired Constitution and laws whose very foundation was the Word of God.

Yours for a Christian America,

R. G. Butler
National Director

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A PETITION TO PROTEST REMOVAL OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF CHURCHES

To the Congress of the United States:

We, the undersigned do hereby register our protest against any attempts of anti-Christ forces to destroy our churches by the device of removing their tax exempt status. As Christian Americans we are dedicated to the preservation of our nation and their historical and rightfully tax exempt status in recognition of their contribution to the moral and ethical atmosphere of our communities.

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Mail to: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, 617 So. Olive St. Flr. 3, Los Angeles 14, Calif.

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Date: 6/27/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Los Angeles)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 10/6/88 BY SP1 AG/TAC
#284931Re Bureau airtel dated 6/22/64. ^{ser}43On Jun 26, 1964, agents attempted to contact
GALE at his residence, 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster,
California, with negative results.The Los Angeles Office will interview GALE
upon receipt of information that he has returned to his
residence.

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Date: 7-2-64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)
 SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
 RACIAL MATTERS
 OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Los Angeles airtel 6-27-64. ^{sent 46}

[redacted] advised on 7-2-64 that GALE has been
 in and out of Lancaster during the week of 6-29-64.

Further attempts will be made to interview GALE.

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Date: 7/7/64

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-784) (C)
RE: ARMY OF WHITE KINGDOM
EVANGELISTS, aka
AWAKE
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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and six
copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the
results of an interview with William Potter Gale concerning
the captioned organization.

WILLIAM POTTER GALE was interviewed by SAs
DONALD V. GIBBS and LEON J. MEYER on 7/7/64.

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BY: <u>RJJ AEE</u>

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Approved: Wesley L. Shapp
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 7, 1964

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ARMY OF WHITE KINGDOM
EVANGELISTS, Also Known
As AWAKE

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William Potter Gale, 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California, stated that the captioned organization was first conceived in the summer of 1963 by a youthful follower of his by the name of [redacted]. It was designed to form church groups to spread the "Kingdom" message contained in the Bible.

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As background, Gale stated that when the state of California did away with the Civil Defense Foundation, a group of ex-Army officers approached him to form a group of individuals capable of defending the state of California in the event of an emergency, which group was called the California Rangers. Gale stated that he traveled the length of the state of California and made numerous contacts, but that this organization never actually met. Among those who indicated an interest in the California Rangers was [redacted] who, when the Rangers failed to materialize, proposed that a new organization would be called the Army of White Kingdom Evangelists (AWAKE). Gale stated that [redacted] approached him for assistance in organizing AWAKE but that he, Gale, stated he did not have time to become involved. Gale stated that the only evidence of the existence of AWAKE, since no meetings were ever held, was a pamphlet setting forth its purposes and proposals which was circulated at the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian, operated by Wesley Albert Swift in Lancaster, California. Gale stated that when Shoup received no response to his circularization, he dropped all plans to proceed with the organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801)
 SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS
 OO: LOS ANGELES

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Re Bureau airtel 7-7-64^{new} and Los Angeles
 letter 6-22-64.⁴⁵

In accordance with referenced airtel
 there are enclosed eight copies of a letterhead
 memorandum to be attached to leaflets submitted with
 referenced Los Angeles letter.

The second source used in the letterhead
 memorandum is

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Approved: W. H. G. G. G. G.
 Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

July 10, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

On June 16, 1964 [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, made available the attached leaflet and petition. The Christian Defense League maintains its headquarters at the above address.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 12, 1964 that the Christian Defense League is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Parkis
7/16/64

Airtel

To: SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)
From: Director, FBI (62-105253)
WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LA)

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Re LA airtel 7/2/64.

This matter must be afforded continuous attention in order that Gale will be interviewed at the earliest possible date. By return airtel advise the Bureau the current status of your efforts to interview Gale.

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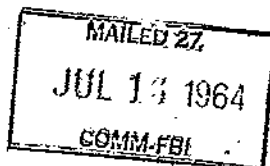
NOTE:

William Potter Gale is a former Army officer living at Lancaster, California. He is attempting to form a militant group which has as its objective the preservation of the white race and to fight communism. Information was received by an informant in [redacted] that Gale may have some connection with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church which occurred at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 15, 1963. Los Angeles was instructed by airtel 6/22/64 to interview Gale and efforts to locate him to date have met with negative results.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)
SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

Re Bureau airtel 7-16-64.

WILLIAM POTTER GALE was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 7-7-64 and information concerning interview set forth in Los Angeles airtel dated 7-8-64 captioned "UNSUBS, BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9-15-63, BOMBING MATTERS."

Investigation continuing Los Angeles.

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Approved: W. G. G. G. G.
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

7/30/64

TO :

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FROM :

SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801)(P)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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By CAP/WNA

SUBJECT:

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: LOS ANGELES

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1 cc sent to IS, USSS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum to which are attached two newspaper articles concerning the CDL which appeared in the July 13 and July 14, 1964 editions of "The Daily Report", a newspaper published in Ontario, California.

These articles were made available by [redacted] on July 22, 1964.

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The second source used in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted]

Copies of this letterhead memorandum and articles are being sent to offices where subjects that are mentioned in the article are residing.

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- 1 - Mobile (Encl. 1) (JOHN G. CROMMELIN) (REGISTERED)
2 - San Diego (Encl. 2) (BERTRAND L. COMPARET) (REGISTERED)
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13 - Los Angeles

- (1 - 157-782) (NEWMAN R. BRITTON)
(1 - 157-781) [redacted]
(1 - 157-845) (RICHARD G. BUTLER)
(1 - 157-96) (JOHN G. CROMMELIN)
(1 - 105-6272) (BERTRAND L. COMPARET)
(1 - 157-759) (CHAS. CONLEY LYNCH)
(1 - 157-881) (COL. HUGH B. GREER)
(1 - 157-875) [redacted]
(1 - 157-873) [redacted]
(1 - 100-7945) (GERALD L. K. SMITH)
(1 - 157-711) (WESLEY A. SWIFT)
(1 - 105-5724) (NSRP)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Los Angeles, California

July 30, 1964

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

On July 22, 1964 a source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available copies of articles which appeared in the July 13 and July 14, 1964 issues of the "The Daily Report", a newspaper published in Ontario, California.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 12, 1964 that the Christian Defense League is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels, and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

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Granting The Daily Report specific permission to reprint from his report to the CDL's invitation to his antique firm at 143 E. A St., Upland, in the Christian Buyers Directory, J. B. McLaughlin commented:

"No, I do not wish to join you

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in this venture as it is hard enough to make a living working together with our fellow man regardless of creed, color or religion."

Wouldn't Aid Business

To The Daily Report he added concerning the CDL letter: "It didn't set well with me . . . to say the least a plan of this kind certainly would not tend to stimulate business in our community."

"Who is their local front?" demanded John J. Flaherty, accountant, 208 W. E St., Ontario, in a note on the bottom of his copy of the CDL letter which he brought to The Daily Report. He noted that a printed list of officers, none with any addresses, appeared on the letterhead, but no local individual signed or appeared as an official of the organization.

Seeking to answer this question, The Daily Report began a week's staff research project, ranging from the Christian Defense League's main headquarters in the Oviatt Building at 617 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, to interviews with area members and officials.

Two men one of whom identified himself as Homer W. Evans of Chino and the other as Richard Norton, also of Chino, left Christian Defense League membership application forms at Republican headquarters in Ontario and Upland about the same time the Christian Buyers Directory was announced by mail solicitation.

Contacted at his home at 12321 Maxon Pl., Chino, Evans readily identified himself as the individual who distributed the CDL literature to the GOP headquarters, but said the identification of him in the Ontario GOP headquarters log book as area chairman of the Christian Defense League was in error.

Letters are Anonymous

Meantime, officials of The Daily Report and others in the West End area also received anonymous letters, postmarked Upland and bearing no return address, inviting them to join the Christian Defense League for an annual membership fee of \$12 a year, or a lifetime membership of \$100. (\$1000 for a family.)

This letter said: "Your local representative will discuss with you some of the projects in which you can play a part as a Christian Defense League member."

But it failed to name any local representative. Instead, the letter invited the recipient to apply to the CDL's main office in the third floor over the well-known James Oviatt men's store in Los Angeles.

The letter of solicitation did mention the CDL's plan to publish "Christian Buyers Guides . . . in all areas.

"Packagers of staple and food items now paying royalties (sic) to anti-Christian organizations by label designations will be asked to carry the

Cross and Shield symbol, contributing to Christian causes in proportion to Christian purchasing power."

The letter assured the reader, "The Christian Defense League is an action body, and it invites the support and participation of Christians in this all-out project . . ."

Area chairman and recipient

of mail addressed to the Ontario Post Office Box 1183 as head of the West End organization proved to be Mrs. George R. (Doris C.) Klenck, 931 W. G St., Ontario. She confirmed to The Daily Report her identification as CDL area chairman, but said: . . .

"I'm not authorized to give out any information.

"We area chairmen are just little individuals who really don't have authority to say too much," she explained.

Can Sign New Members

Mrs. Klenck did conform, however, that she is authorized to sign up new members in the West End area. Mrs. Klenck said the CDL is "a large and growing organization," but added, "I'm not at liberty to divulge our membership."

Three times during her brief interview, Mrs. Klenck stressed her belief the CDL was "not anti - anything, but is pro-Christian." She suggested that any questions about the long-range purposes and programs of the Christian Defense League be submitted to the main headquarters in Los Angeles.

So The Daily Report tried this, interviewing the Christian Defense League's public relations director at the main headquarters in Los Angeles.

(Tomorrow: Christian Defense League's national organization and its leadership.)

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Mystery on Buyer Guide Clearing Up

By ROLPH FAIRCHILD

ONTARIO — Mystery was gradually clearing today from around a proposed "Christian Buyers Guide" and its sponsoring organization, the Christian Defense League (CDL) of Los Angeles, which sent out circular letters during the past two weeks inviting various West

End residents to list their businesses in the directory, or asked them to join the organization as individuals.

CDL officials reached by The Daily Report insisted their organization was not anti-Negro, anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic. "It's just pro-Christian," they declared, yet applications for CDL membership are accepted only from members of the "white race."

First letter mailed in the West End by the CDL went to a seemingly random selection of business firms, announcing the CDL's proposed publication

FIRST OF TWO ARTICLES

of a preferential buying list for Christians. Giving only the address of P. O. Box 1183, Ontario, and unsigned by any individual these letters said:

Compile Merchant List

"The Christian Defense League is compiling a list of Christian merchants and services in our area.

"This list will be distributed to all of our members and they in turn will recommend the list to all of their friends and neighbors as a buying guide. We prefer to patronize only the local Christian businesses and services," the anonymous letter declared.

Reaction from numerous members of the business community — Protestants, Catholics and Jews alike — was swift and clear.

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CDL Objectives Linked to Klan?

By ROLPH FAIRCHILD

Last in a Series

ONTARIO — West End officials of the Christian Defense League, which proposes to issue a Christian Buyers Guide for this area, really do have little to say about selection or policy matters in handling the CDL's operations, a spokesman for the national headquarters of the Christian Defense League confirmed in an interview with The Daily Report. But who does direct the CDL programs remained obscure.

However, CDL's objectives, like some of its leaders, appeared linked with past activities in California of the Ku Klux Klan and Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian National Crusade, and with current segregationist activities in the South.

Mrs. George R. Klenck, 931 W. G St., Ontario, West End area chairman for the Christian Defense League, declared she could give this newspaper little information about the CDL, its programs or its operations in this area.

"We area chairmen are just little individuals who really don't have authority to say too much," Mrs. Klenck told The Daily Report.

Miss Julie Hanna, who identified herself as public relations representative for the Christian Defense League at its headquarters in the Oviatt Building, 617 S. Olive St., Los Angeles, agreed.

"Just Workers"

"Actually, these people out there are just workers, in the area," Miss Hanna declared.

Miss Hanna refused to identify any of the West End CDL officials, however. Asked who headed the project for getting out the proposed West End Christian Buyers Directory, Miss Hanna replied:

"This is done as a project under the direction of national headquarters here."

No local person in the West End was directly responsible for compilation of the West End Christian Buyer's Guide, she said.

Was Richard G. Butler, whose

name appeared — minus any address — on the Christian Defense League's solicitation letter for directory as "president, national director" of the CDL, ultimately responsible for whatever appeared in the West End buyer's guide?

Only in the sense that "Mr. Butler is responsible for the overall direction of all of the buyer's guides," said Miss Hanna.

"Many Such Projects"

"We have many such projects in many, many communities," she said. "This is only one of them. It is a Christian Buyers Guide."

But who did the actual selecting of West End merchants who were solicited to list their business firms in this buyer's guide?

Miss Hanna said Mr. Butler would have to answer that sort of question. He would not answer such a question over the telephone, she added.

Asked what the purpose was in compiling such a guide to business and professional firms in this area, Miss Hanna said

the answer really was quite simple.

"We are Christians, we prefer to patronize Christian merchants. We have a legal right to do this," she said a bit shyly.

"Who will receive these buying guides in Ontario and Up-land?" The Daily Report's representative asked.

"It's going to go to Christians in your community," the CDL representative replied.

How will these Christians be selected or are they going to be selected at all? Will the guide be available to everyone, say on newsstands, or will it go only to those who subscribe in advance, or perhaps only to Christian Defense League members?

Declines Explanation

Miss Hanna declined to explain this, saying any statement regarding selection of recipients would have to come in a "personal interview with Mr. Butler," listed on circular letters as president of the Christian Defense League.

Miss Hanna also declined to disclose how merchants were selected for receipt of the anonymous letters of solicitation, except to confirm that many names were obtained at random from the classified section of the West End telephone book.

"We have other methods of obtaining names, too," she added, but declined to say what those methods were, or who made those selections.

Rather than argue the point, The Daily Report's representative explained to her the basis for its inquiry: a group of people, unidentified except by a post office box number, and citizens of this community, letter saying the CDL intended to make up a list of merchants service organizations that the Christian Defense League recommends that West End citizens patronize.

Information Sought

Since the CDL admittedly has nobody in charge of making this selection locally, and since the officers listed on the letter-

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head are unknown in the community at large, it is only normal for people to want to know what kind of people are making up this list, and why it is being compiled. Only then can West End citizens decide how much reliance they as individuals can afford to place upon such a guide. The Daily Report representative pointed out.

"Mr. Butler will have to provide the answers to questions like that — and in a personal interview, not over the telephone," Miss Hanna replied. Again she declared: "We have a legal right to compile a buyer's guide."

Meantime, the CDL president, Butler, was providing some of his own answers by direct mail to West End residents in a signed letter as national director of the CDL.

Observing that "individuals can become strong only by pooling their strength . . . to accomplish specific objectives," Butler went on to declare:

"To strengthen Christian economy, Christian Buyers' Guides will be published in all areas. Packagers of staple and food items now paying royalties (sic) to anti-Christian organizations by label symbols will be asked to carry the Cross and Shield emblem, contributing to Christian causes in proportion to Christian purchasing power."

Further on in his letter, the CDL president said: "As a member of the Christian Defense League, you will be asked to participate in numerous projects in your own locality, as well as in national programs."

In an attached one-page communication, also signed by Butler, the matter of membership was explored more fully.

"Why does the application specify 'White Race'?" the communication asked in capital letters.

White Supremacy

"The white race is the minority in the earth, estimated at only one - sixth of the world population," the CDL president said.

"There is no unified direction for the defense of this minority, except the ethnic and religious bonds which hold them together. Other races have overwhelming numerical advantage, in addition to the fact they have organized pressure groups oper-

ating worldwide to promote their goals. It is imperative that white Christians . . . to repel determined effort . . . the non-white majority to extinguish our race. . . .

"Even more diabolical," the CDL statement by its president went on, "is the program to wipe out the white race by mongrelization. This is in direct opposition to God's laws and instructions to His people. . . ."

Yet Butler ended his statement declaring the Christian Defense League is a Protestant-oriented organization for white people only by declaring again that the CDL was "not an 'anti' program, it is pro-Christian."

In addition to Butler, according to the CDL letterhead inviting business firms to be listed in the CDL Buyers' Guide, officers of the Christian Defense League were: "Bertrand L. Comparet, Juris Doctor, vice president"; "Col. Hugh B. Greer, vice president"; Steve Foote, Western Regional Director," and "John G. Crommelin, Rear Admiral, U.S.N. (Ret.), Eastern Regional Director."

The Quarterly Report of the Pacific Southwest Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for March 31 this year identified Butler as a Whittier businessman.

Associates of Swift

Vice Presidents Comparet and Greer were identified in the B'nai B'rith publication as "longtime" associates of the Rev. Wesley A. Swift of Lancaster and of Gerald L. K. Smith, well known in California as founder of the "Christian

National Crusade" and its 1948 presidential candidate on a platform demanding full segregation of Negroes and termination of immigration of all Jews, Asiatics or colored people of any race.

Comparet is a San Diego attorney. According to a San Bernardino newspaper, Comparet appeared as defense counsel in San Bernardino Municipal Court before Judge John B. Lawrence in March of 1963 representing Connie C. Lynch, 50, of 25538 Amanda St.; Neuman R. Britton, 38, of the same address, and his brother, Rufus R. Britton, 45, 2545 Ogden St., all of Muscoy, on charges of disturbing the peace, battery and participating in a riot at a Highland Avenue restaurant parking lot in San Bernardino following a meeting of the pro-segregationist National States Rights Party in Devore the night of Feb. 22, 1963.

Lynch also appeared last week on a national television program received here discussing his position as a segregationist during the recent racial clashes in St. Augustine, Fla., where he was photographed by the television network and identified as a pro-segregationist leader.

Neuman Britton has signed himself in a published letter to a San Bernardino newspaper as chairman of the National States Rights Party for San Bernar-

dino County. Lynch identified himself to the press during the 1963 trial as state organizer for this party, which the San Bernardino newspaper reported "preaches white race supremacy, race segregation and government exclusively by whites."

Lynch and the Britton brothers were convicted after a jury trial in Municipal Court on the misdemeanor charges and were fined.

Associated with Comparet in their defense was attorney J.B. Stoner of Atlanta, Ga., according to the San Bernardino newspaper's report of the trial.

Segregation Leaders

Subsequently, Lynch, J. B. Stoner of Atlanta, Ga., who was identified as an attorney for the Ku Klux Klan, and Holstead (Hoss) Manucy, a St. Augustine segregationist, held a news conference in the strife-torn Florida city, according to an Associated Press report received by The Daily Report and used in a news item June 28. Lynch also was identified by Associated Press as one of the active segregation leaders in St. Augustine.

West End businessmen who read Butler's letter soliciting members for the Christian Defense League received by mail here last week noted that he said: "The Christian Defense League is non-partisan but it will advocate the election of

Christians in government at all levels, to carry out the principles of our Christian Constitution."

Swift, the founder of the Christian Defense League according to the B'nai B'rith Quarterly Report, was further identified in the Anti-Defamation League's "ADL Bulletin" for March, 1964, and in the New York Times of Feb. 9 this year as a "protege of Gerald Smith—whose Christian Nationalist Party has long had anti-Semitism as one of its main planks."

Cross Burnings

As a footnote of local area interest, the Rev. Swift, identified by the Anti-Defamation League's Quarterly Report as founder of the Christian Defense League, was last in the news in this county as the central figure in an investigation by the state attorney general's office into the burning of fiery crosses in the mountain resort of Big Bear Lake in the spring of 1946.

State attorney general's investigators questioned Swift, according to front page reports of the Los Angeles Examiner on April 6, 1946, after the state

attorney general's office announced it had received reports of a speech delivered at Big Bear by Swift in which he declared:

"The Klan is here in Bear Valley to stay. We intend to form restrictive covenants here and elsewhere in order to hold the line of pure Americanism."

Swift admitted "receipt of \$43 'expenses' for the last four lectures he delivered on behalf of the Ku Klux Klan, according to investigators" for the attorney general's office, the Los Angeles newspaper reported at the time, but Swift refused to reveal anything else about the KKK's activities at Big Bear.

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RE: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 7/17/64.

When GALE was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 7/7/64 he gave information concerning his whereabouts during the period prior to and after the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63.

At the present time the Los Angeles Office is conducting interviews of persons who might be aware of GALE's whereabouts during this pertinent period.

The Los Angeles Office, at the conclusion of these interviews, will submit the results to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801)(C)

DATE: 9/28/64

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDD)
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: LOS ANGELES

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a Letterhead Memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning the CDL.

The sources utilized in the Letterhead Memorandum are [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as the CDL is no longer in existence, no further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office, and this case is being closed.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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September 28, 1964

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)

On September 23, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles, California,
advised that the CDL is now defunct, and that they have abandoned their headquarters in the Oviatt Building.

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Another source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 23, 1964, that the CDL no longer exists, that they no longer hold meetings, and that Richard Girnt Butler, President, and National Director of the CDL has closed the CDL office. *Calif* *above*

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 12, 1964, that the CDL is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels, and urges Christians to patronize only Christian business places.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <u>RACIAL MATTERS</u>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA HARRY L. GRIFFIN dated ^{see 47} 5/25/64, at Los Angeles.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 9/13/64 [redacted] advised SA JOHN E. DAILEY that GALE [redacted] that he is presently endeavoring to raise funds for the formation of a church in the Los Angeles area.

[redacted] are both in a position to report on the movements of GALE.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Birmingham, Tampa, Miami and Mobile since GALE has traveled in the territory covered by those offices and has contact with individuals living in the territory covered by those offices.

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[REDACTED] Waddell and Reed, Inc., Beverly Hills, California,
advised on 9/30/64, that none of the sales representatives
mentioned by [REDACTED] when interviewed on 8/12/64,
were associated with the "sales team" of WILLIAM POTTER GALE,
and would not know of GALE's movements.

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Title:

WILLIAM POTTER GALE

RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis:

Results of interview with WILLIAM POTTER GALE on 7/7/64, set forth. Interviews of individuals who might possibly know the whereabouts of GALE during the period prior to and after the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama on 9/16/63, are set forth.

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DETAILS:

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE, 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California, was interviewed in the building occupied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agency in Lancaster, California. GALE was advised of his constitutional rights, at which time he indicated he was fully aware of these rights since he had spent many hours studying the constitution.

Concerning the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama on September 16, 1963, GALE indicated he had absolutely no knowledge. He stated he had no part in the bombing nor did he know or suspect any other individuals with whom he was acquainted as possibly being involved. GALE denied knowing SYDNEY BARNES, [REDACTED]. He did state that he was a friend of Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN and had visited CROMMELIN in Wetumpka, Alabama in the summer of 1963.

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GALE indicated that he had been in Birmingham, Alabama in the summer of 1963 on only one occasion and that was to attend a political rally being addressed by CROMMELIN. GALE stated that he traveled to Alabama in July, 1963, for the purpose of determining whether or not he should attempt to open an office in that area for the purpose of selling investment securities through the firm of Waddell and Reed of Beverly Hills, California, for whom he was then employed. GALE stated he recalled during this visit that he had stayed at a resort with CROMMELIN in Wetumpka, Alabama. He also stated he had driven to Alabama in his Mercedes Benz with California license IMR 003.

GALE stated that he recalled having an interview with Governor GEORGE WALLACE in Alabama in 1961, but stated that he did not discuss with WALLACE any methods of fighting integration in the South. GALE stated that he owned a 1903 Springfield rifle and a .22 caliber rifle, both of which he maintained at his residence and had not fired for years.

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He stated that he had never purchased or possessed any explosives and had no acquaintance with how to use explosives.

GALE stated he was not in Alabama on September 15, 1963. Concerning his whereabouts at that time he attended a sales meeting at 10:00 A.M. on September 14, 1963, at the offices of Waddell and Reed, 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California and later that date interviewed a man named [redacted] an employee of a furniture store at Edwards Air Force Base, California in an effort to hire [redacted] as a salesman. GALE stated that while he could not absolutely recall what he did on September 15, 1963, it being a Sunday, he assumed he attended church services at 3:00 P.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian which were at that time held at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 North La Brea Avenue, Hollywood.

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On September 16, 1963, GALE claims he played golf at the Antelope Valley Golf Club in Lancaster, California. He indicated that he had established a handicap at this golf club but could not recall whether he had listed his score for his round on September 15, 1963, although he conceded this was a requirement for establishing a handicap. GALE stated that sometimes he listed his score and sometimes he did not.

GALE claims he is merely a preacher of the gospel and a student of the constitution. He stated that he is a minister in the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, which he indicated teaches that all the evils of mankind stem from the Jewish people who are not members of the white race. He stated that the Jewish people descended from CAINE who was the offspring of a union between EVE and SATAN and that it has been the historical aim of the Jewish people to mongolize the white race through intermarriage with Negroes, Jews and other non-whites. He stated that all the charges made against him and Dr. SWIFT were a result of false information furnished by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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Concerning the bombing in Birmingham, the assassination of MEDGAR EVANS and other acts of violence in the South, GALE claims that this is the work of Jewish agent provocateurs who have infiltrated various right wing organizations and have committed these acts of violence to discredit these organizations. GALE claims he is personally a peaceable man and teaches his followers not to use violence except in self defense.

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE was interviewed in the building housing the Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agency at Lancaster, California. GALE indicated he was unemployed and was residing at 1840 West Avenue K-4, Lancaster, California.

Concerning the Army of White Kingdom Evangelists, also known as AWAKE, GALE stated that this organization grew out of what he felt was a need for a civilian force in the state of California. GALE stated that at the time the state of California refused to appropriate any funds for civil defense, he was contacted by various ex-military officers residing in the state to form an organization which would operate in the field formerly occupied by the civil defense. In response to this request GALE organized a group known as the California Rangers and travelled extensively in California in an effort to get this organization off the ground. GALE stated that he was never able to fully organize the Rangers because of a general lack of interest. Among those he did recruit into the Rangers was one [redacted]. When the California Rangers failed to materialize, [redacted] prepared literature setting forth the aims and purposes of a new organization he was attempting to form called AWAKE. This literature was distributed at services of the Church of Jesus-Christ-Christian, which was under control of WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT. GALE stated that [redacted] asked him to assist in forming AWAKE but that he declined because of a lack of time. GALE further indicated that AWAKE never materialized as an organization to his knowledge.

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[redacted] Waddell and Reed Incorporated, Investments, advised that during the time that WILLIAM GALE was employed by his concern, he frequently held sales meetings on Saturday mornings; however, there are no records kept by WADDELL and REED that would indicate that GALE held such a meeting on September 14, 1963.

[redacted] stated that these meetings are very informal, and that GALE would call together the salesmen in his unit and hold such a meeting. He stated that two of the salesmen that worked for GALE were [redacted]
[redacted] California, and [redacted]
[redacted] California.

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On 7/24/64 at 9301 Wilshire Boulevard
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California, advised that he and his wife left the United States for Europe on September 9, 1963, and they did not return to the United States until December 9, 1963. He stated that he did attend many Saturday morning sales meetings with GALE, but because of his absence from the United States after September 9, 1963, he would be unable to state whether GALE actually did hold a sales meeting on September 14, 1963.

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[redacted] advised that according to his appointment book he was in Ventura, California, and Santa Paula, on September 14, 1963. He was unable to recall whether there was a meeting on that date, but if there was, he did not attend. [redacted] checked for the full month of September and his records indicated that he had not been in Los Angeles during that month.

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[redacted] advised that WILLIAM POTTER GALE was the Division Sales Manager for Waddell and Reed, Investment Brokers, Beverly Hills, California, but was no longer employed with this company. GALE had strong views with regard to racial groups, especially Negro and Jewish groups. He felt that these groups were behind the communist movement in the United States. [redacted] added that GALE had visited Mississippi during racial tensions there, but could not remember when this was. He attended a meeting with GALE at the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, lead by a Reverend WESLEY SWIFT but was unable to remember when this took place in Los Angeles.

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[redacted] made available the following names of potential sales representatives that might have attended the sales meeting on September 14, 1963:

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[redacted] is not sure whether any of the above persons became a part of the regular sales force, but the main office of Waddell and Reed at 9301 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, would have their address if they were employed at that time during September, 1963.

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Lancaster, California, an employee of the Edwards Furniture and Appliance Store, Edwards Air Force Base, California, advised that he first met WILLIAM GALE about a year ago and on several occasions went with him to the church conducted by WESLEY A. SWIFT. He stated that he cannot say whether or not GALE contacted him on September 14, 1963, regarding a job, but that GALE had contacted him several months after he met him, offering him a position with Waddell and Reed Incorporated.

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[redacted] Office, Antelope Valley Country Club, Lancaster, California, advised that her records reveal that WILLIAM GALE signed in to play golf at 10:12 AM, on September 16, 1963, and was accompanied by guests with the last names of [redacted]. This entry reveals that the guests were charged \$4 each, which is the fee for eighteen holes of golf.

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by SA JOHN E. DAILEY/ycq;mkk Date dictated 9/22/64

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 7/21/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801) (C)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith are an original and seven copies of a letter dated May, 1965, along with a letter-head memorandum concerning the CDL and a recently held program on radio station KLAC, Los Angeles, California.

The sources utilized for this information are

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Los Angeles, California

July 21, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE (CDL)

On July 12, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past made available a copy of a letter from the CDL dated May, 1965 (see attached).

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 12, 1964, that the CDL is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public offices at all levels and urges Christians to patronize only Christian places. This source advised that the CDL is

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May - 1965

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Dear Christian:

"He that is NOT with me is against me. . . .
- Jesus Christ. (Matt. 12:30)

The most vicious, fictitious and malicious attacks ever made publicly against Christians, patriotic anti-Communist organizations - as well ourselves - continued for five consecutive days beginning May 17, 1965 and just concluded with a 'grand finale' Friday night, May 21.

These vilifying, slanderous, discriminating, destructive attacks migrated from the transmitters of KLAC AM-FM Radio Stations, Los Angeles, California. We are prepared to establish in Court that their objective was to do harm to true Christianity; our active, effective program aiding the restoration and preservation of our AMERICAN CONSTITUTION and the Republic for which it stands - the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. We are prepared also to establish collusion and collaboration existant as among and between the several and many anti-Christian, anti-American organizations recently organized and activated for an early liquidation of - our AMERICAN HERITAGE and INHERITANCE, among other items.

It is interesting to know that the intensity and determination of their pre-planned assaults transcended any other similar action by any group or organization in the history of the Nation. Some 34 hours of radio broadcasting time - on this one station alone plus newspaper announcements - was expended to neutralize or severely cause damage to Christian and American patriotism and to individuals thereof who have the courage to yet declare themselves for JESUS CHRIST our Lord God of virgin birth yet Divine, King, Omnipotent, Living, Eternal!

Simultaneously, the anti-Christis and anti-Americans hope to liquidate, neutralize, or immobilize the remnant of citizens of the United States of America - true, steadfast and loyal to their AMERICAN CONSTITUTION and CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC, founded, developed and blessed upon and by the concepts of the True Christianity as proclaimed by our Ruler, our Potentate, our Commander-in-Chief, our Exalted MOST HIGH GOD JESUS, THE CHRIST!

ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS C. LYNCH

of the State of California recently addressed the State Legislature in Sacramento, California. The news media scooped it up and the general play seemed to amplify a matter which was termed as "private armies". As of today, this 'label' is adhesive - it is a subterfuge - it is a mis-nomer. Yet - it is a 'cover-up' for the objectives and for the purposes of the legislation HE EXPECTS THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT. So they are after your weaponry authorized, permitted by your BILL OF RIGHTS for your personal and family protection against felons, perverts, homo-sexuals, among others. Thus complete INDIVIDUAL DISARMAMENT becomes an objective!

The Attorney General is recognized as the Chief of Civilian Law Enforcement in the State of California. He is a 'power-house' in the legislative halls in Sacramento plus those at other levels. He packs a mighty influence with private Attorney's around the State - particularly those who hold membership with the UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS. But - what manner of thinking possesses him to insist ALL CIVILIANS BE DISARMED?

ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS C. LYNCH

Several days ago also testified under oath before the SUB-COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE-DELINQUENCY in the UNITED STATES SENATE. Again, Mr. Lynch testified for and the need of a "weapons control bill."

You will be interested to know that THE TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE RELATED TO YOUR CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE was challenged as being false by CDL's National Director, Mr. Richard G. Butler. The following day, he dispatched a telegraphic protest and declaration to the Chairman of this Committee.

To our knowledge, Dick Butler's telegram to the Chairman of this Subcommittee of the SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES did NOT make headlines in the area news media. Nor did it receive, to our knowledge, even moderate mention.

On the next page is reproduced the complete message for your information. Look at it:

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"Sign Of The Cross - FOREVER Mark Of The Beast - NEVER!!

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22 Part I—FRI., MAY 21, 1965 Los Angeles Times

Senators Hear Lynch Back Weapons Control

Attorney General Criticized

The head of the Christian Defense League today charged California's attorney-general with making "false and malicious" statements before a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

In a telegram, Richard G. Butler, president and national director of the league, said testimony by Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Lynch has been put in jeopardy by statements he made concerning the league.

The telegram was sent to the subcommittee which is now considering an administration weapons control bill.

Lynch in testimony Thursday told the subcommittee, "In California, we have self-styled saviors of our nation. They operate under such names as Minutemen and the Christian Defense League."

Butler said his organization is a Christian educational organization that protects Christians from defamation by Communists and other subversive groups.

Butler said he did not want the subcommittee influenced in the preparation of any remedial legislation on firearms based on the testimony of the attorney-general.

"His statements concerning the Christian Defense League," Butler added, "are fictitious, false and malicious and they put in jeopardy all of his testimony."

The CDL, he said, "owns no weapons, publishes no military or armament brochures and has nothing to do with the subject under discussion by the subcommittee."

from
PASADENA STAR NEWS
May 22, 1965

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businessmen. At present, a "dealer's" license authorizing a person to ship and receive all kinds of weapons costs only \$1.

The bill also prohibits sale of weapons except to residents of the same state as the dealer's place of business or to persons under 21 years of age, except that sporting rifles and shotguns could be sold to those 18 or older.

Lynch told of California gun control problems and turned over two weapons confiscated there. One was a submachine gun similar to 370 others seized in a raid. The second was a sawed-off M-1 carbine with a pistol grip called an "Enforcer."

Miss Sandy DeSmith, clerk for the subcommittee, gingerly delivered one of the guns to Sen. Dodd. Later, and with equal care, she accepted a tiny derringer pistol offered in evidence by a Los Angeles police sergeant.

Lynch referred to advertisements for mortars and anti-tank guns which he said have been sold in California.

"Our troubles with machine guns and 'destructive devices' in California," Lynch said, "involve mainly members of private armies in our state."

The administration bill, for the first time, defines and restricts shipments of "destructive devices," which would include such items as land mines, booby traps and hand grenades.

Ad Quoted

"In California," Lynch said, "we have self-styled saviors of our nation. They operate under such names as Minutemen and the Christian Defense League."

Lynch quoted an advertisement for a \$49.95 mortar of 60-mm. size, which said, "This is the perfect tool for 'getting even' with those neighbors you don't like."

The statement brought laughs in the crowded hearing room.

"There's an element of humor, I see," Lynch interjected, "but there are also serious overtones."

Lynch asked, "How would you feel if you saw your neighbor in his backyard tinkering with a mortar or an anti-tank gun?"

He also displayed a catalog for easily-concealed 22-caliber derringer pistols. Dodd interrupted to note a catalogue reference to the fact that derringers killed two U.S. Presidents—Abraham Lincoln and William McKinley.

The catalogue, Dodd charged, "practically suggests how to kill a President."

L.A. Police Testify

Two Los Angeles Police Department officers, Capt. Merton W. Howe and Sgt. Jesse C. Gonzalez, also testified in support of the weapons control bill.

Howe said the bill would help meet the problem of California criminals who, unable to buy hand guns under California law, travel to Arizona and Nevada to do so.

Gonzalez seconded Howe, and said an influx of large weapons has resulted in a new class of arrests, "paramilitary cases."

The most heated exchange of the hearing occurred when Harry R. Woodward, Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Department director, testified in opposition to the bill.

Woodward said Colorado's economy gains \$150 million a year from hunting and that 60% of the revenues of the State Fish and Game Commission come from sale of non-resident hunting licenses, primarily for hunting elk.

He said he feared the law would be interpreted in such

a way as to bar hunters from bringing their weapons to Colorado for hunting.

"Have you read the bill?" Dodd asked.

Woodward said he had not but that his staff had done extensive research on it.

"You point out the section of the bill that will prevent a man from carrying a rifle or shotgun into Colorado and I'll eat it," Dodd declared. "There is no such language in the bill. I think you've been reading some of this (anti-bill) propaganda. It shocks me to think that a fish and game commissioner would fall for it."

Woodward said he thought the bill also would violate constitutional guarantees of the right to bear arms.

"Are you a lawyer?" Dodd persisted. Woodward said he was not.

"Did you seek the opinion of a competent attorney?" Dodd went on. Woodward said he had not.

Dodd referred to Wednesday's testimony by Atty. Gen. Nicholas D. Katzenbach who testified that in his opinion the proposed bill was constitutional.

Woodward was supported by Sen. Gordon Allott (R-Colo.), who entered the hearing room as the Colorado commissioner finished testimony. Allott said Woodward spoke for most of the people of Colorado and was a "fine game commissioner."

Dodd said he didn't criticize Woodward as a game commissioner but as a "constitutional lawyer."

"In this day and age," Allott rejoined, "and considering the way some constitutional opinions are rendered, I'm not sure anybody can't be a constitutional lawyer."

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RICHARD G BUTLER, PRESIDENT AND
NATIONAL DIRECTOR
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

IN CONCLUSION, MAY I ADD that if a Jew or so-called Jew enjoying the bountiful God-given blessings of our Land and under the wonderful citizenship privileges of our AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC and GOVERNMENT and IF such person is identified as anti-American, pro-Communist-Socialist be such TRAITOR of other race, creed, or color - clergy or other profession - I believe all these TRAITORS should be sent back to the land of their ancestry quickly and NOW - the UNITED NATIONS, its agencies and statutes notwithstanding. What do you think and what is your pleasure? Also - would you wish a weekly Bulletin? You, of course, would assist in the expenses of publication and mailing. Advise Dick - he is great and fighting your battles. God Bless You and Yours!
Conf. page To The Glory of JESUS CHRIST!! Ernie Linnerson

May - 1965

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

Dear Christian American:

RE: "The ADL" or The ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE
of B'nai B'rith.

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

"Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake . . .

"Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

"THEY PROFESS THAT THEY KNOW GOD; but in works they deny Him, being Abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." - Titus 10:16.

"JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, and today, and forever!" - Hebrews 13:8.

"...FICTICIOUS, FALSE AND MALICIOUS..."

On page two, you have received a brief summary of the charges against the CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE as well as our declaration to the Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee On Juvenile Delinquency handling the hearing. Up to the present moment, no answer has been received.

This you should know. If the Senate Sub-Committee follows their own rules they must do one of two things. Either:

1. Accept the fact that the Attorney General's testimony was false and disregard it; or
2. Suppose the person challenging the given testimony to testify before the Committee verifying his claim that false testimony had been given.

We have good reason to believe:

1. That the 79 page report of the State Attorney General WAS WRITTEN BY THE ADL;
2. That all resulting pronouncements by officials at Federal, State, and local levels were motivated directly by the ADL; and
3. That the attacks from both television and radio were directly sponsored by the ADL.

But first, let's let an officer of the Anti-Defamation League tell you their method of operation. And, here is the recorded statement of New York State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink before the annual convention of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in 1950 and which convened at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel:

"Under American law, an offender who has served his sentence meted out by the Courts, is considered as having paid for his offense. This is not our idea.

"Anyone who has offended or harmed the Jewish cause is never to be forgiven, and we (the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith) shall employ the millions of dollars at our disposal to see to it that such an enemy of the Jewish cause shall never regain his previously held position or social standing". (Jews admit American cause NOT THEIRS!)

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Appoints

DORE SCHARY and LABEL A. KATZ as the Chief Administrators, with a Committee of ten, for immediate and effective implementation and execution of the CIVIL RIGHTS ACT of 1964 - PL 88-352. Previous CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS are: PL 86-449 (1960) and PL 85-315 (1957). You should get copies of each.

Of interest are the Appointments Made By The President. DORE SCHARY is the National Director and LABEL KATZ is the Supreme President of the B'nai B'rith

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL)
OF
B'NAI B'RITH

The Anti-Defamation League is the investigative and inquisitorial arm of B'nai B'rith, an international secret Jewish fraternal society.

It maintains offices (regional) throughout the United States, thousands of paid investigators and agents in more than a thousand American cities. It tabulates, evaluates, catalogues and files dossiers on the political, religious and philosophic views of literally, millions of American citizens.

It carries on a continuous campaign of villification and defamation against any person or organization with which it disagrees. It engages in what its directors have referred to as "book stiffling" and "quarantine treatment," devices designed to destroy literary works of which they disapprove by discouraging favorable book reviews, and by pressuring all news media to withhold favorable publicity from any individual or organization ideologically or politically adverse to the views of the leaders and directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith.

It supplies script material and "guidance" to the Nation's press, radio and television networks; it furnishes transcriptions to radio and television stations; it furnishes "educational aids" to more than 2,000 school systems throughout the United States; it furnishes speakers, handbills, cartoons, blot- ters, and other propaganda material to clubs, schools, veteran organizations; churches, newspapers and magazines.

Its Foreign Language Department reaches more than 22,000,000 people in 16 languages in more than 900 foreign language publications throughout the United States, and, through various specialized departments seeks to contact, influence and propagandize schools, teachers, students, women, veterans, churches, clergymen, minority groups, and, in short, EVERY SEGMENT OF AMERICAN LIFE!

It propagandizes incessantly in furtherance of world government, the United Nations, and Israel, a foreign nation. By virtue of its extensive operations, finances, and pressures, The Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith seeks to by-pass the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and, as a private organization, abridge the freedom of speech and press of those with whom it disagrees.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES SAYS:

"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Hence it is that the Congress is without legal power to abridge the freedom of speech, assembly, and the press of the Republic's most humble citizen. The Founding Fathers, dedicated to individual freedom, supplemented the Constitution itself by making it clear THAT EVERY AMERICAN RESERVED HIS GOD-given right to speak and publish his views without improper hinderance.

UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

EVERY PERSON has the right to speak his mind and print and publish his views. These rights are limited only by the laws of slander and libel, so that every man in their exercise is held responsible for false and malicious statements that injure the reputation and dignity of another.

Congress has not yet attempted to circumvent the provisions of the First Amendment. The threat to free speech in the United States does not yet stem from governmental action. IT COMES FROM A POWERFUL SECRET FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION, the B'Nai B'Rith (Sons of the Covenant).

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

is the investigative and prosecution arm of the B'Nai B'Rith. Under the deceptive shield of bettering relations between Jews and Gentiles (Christians), it seeks to silence the voices that criticize B'Nai B'Rith and Zionist political policies. Anyone who raises his or her voice AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL GOALS OF B'NAI B'RITH is immediately branded by the agents and directors of the ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE as "anti-Semitic."

THE TECHNIQUE OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE is patterned on the time honored (and still effective) principle that a lawyer with a bad case should always try the District Attorney. So it is that the Anti-Defamation League always attacks and abuses the speaker and the writer and never attempts to refute or answer the substance of what is said or written.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE EXPOSING the plans and policies of the Anti-Defamation League, the Zionists and organized Jewry, IS ALWAYS ATTACKED AS A "FORGERY" and the writer or speaker is branded a Neo-Nazi, an anti-Semite, a sick mind, insane, and worse.

B'nai Brith Anti Defamation League Says Radical Right Is Threat To United States

12-A THE FRESNO BEE Saturday, September 19, 1964

NEW YORK — AP — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith today said the radical right is a growing threat to Democracy and the nation.

Dore Schary, producer and playwright who is the league's national chairman, said the radical right is a "magnet for bigots," rejects the "traditional tolerance . . . of our two party system" and "tends to see history as a conspiracy of evil and faithless men."

Schary said the document he quoted has been in preparation for four years and should not be considered an attack on the Republican Party or its presidential candidate, Senator Barry Goldwater.

The report, entitled *Danger On The Right*, was written by Arnold Forster, general coun-

sel, and Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the league. It is to be published in book form October 9th by Random House.

In a news conference yesterday, Schary divided the political spectrum of the right of center movement into "conservatism," "extreme conservatism," "radical right," and "rabble rousing right" or "lunatic fringe."

He said the rabble rousing element includes the Ku Klux Klan and the Minutemen "and adds the extra noxious ingredient of racial and religious bigotry."

Schary said upwards of \$14 million is spent annually by the radical right and extreme conservatives and that this figure may rise to \$25 million during 1964. He said the rabble rousing wing

spends an additional \$1.5 million.

In addition, he said, other millions not directly contributed to rightist groups are spent by individuals, corporations and some tax exempt foundations in support of rightist causes.

Forster said the John Birch Society had a budget of \$1.6 million last year and is planning a \$6 million budget this year.

The report identifies as belonging to the radical right such groups as the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, the National Education Program, Facts Forum and the Dan Smoot Report, Church League of America and the Conservative Society of America.

It describes as extreme con-

servatives the Americans for Constitutional Action, Young Americans for Freedom and the magazine, *The National Review*.

The reports says business contributors to "rightist" groups include Republic Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Gulf Oil Corporation, Humble Oil & Refining Company, and Technicolor, Inc.

Among the contributing foundations, the report says, are the Chance Foundation, Donner Foundation, William Volker Fund and Helm Foundation.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is a Jewish organization formed specifically to combat anti-Semitism and to "secure justice and fair treatment for all citizens."

MAJOR ACTIONS

for

May - 1965

The 'battle' wages. It intensifies in activity in all places.

Your CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE is stronger today than ever before. It is surcharged with more dedicated Christian American men and women who are imbued with the Spirit of Victory which is acquainted with no defeat.

Our dedication and consecration is wholly and exclusively to, for and with JESUS, THE CHRIST and the original CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

More loyal members are needed and our invitation is expended herewith. Workers are in need and support should be extended for perpetuation of the great, wonderful work that lies ahead. Herewith follows a portion of the present program:

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE'S

MAJOR ACTION'S

for

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1. CDL to aid WILLIAM HUTCHINSON GARLAND against weaponry charges. CDL alleges charges are unjust, false, damaging, libelous; and,
2. CDL will bring Court Action against the ATTORNEY GENERAL of the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THOMAS C. LYNCH; and, against the STATE OF CALIFORNIA; and, against the several John and Jane Does, among others, for public utterances false and libelous, to the State Legislature assembled, to news media, et all, if our membership provides funds to cover; and
3. CDL demands immediate retractions and public apologies from certain major newspapers, T-V Stations, et all, for participation in and dissemination of news of such actions; and,

4. CDL cooperates with JAMES OVIATT of Los Angeles in the \$10,200,000 Court Action suit for damages, etc., filed against the ADL of B'nai B'rith, certain Jew newspapers, owners, and others,

Milton A. Senn; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Southern California B'nai B'rith Council; Maurice Harris; Enterprise Newspapers; Local Enterprise; Bellflower Herald-Enterprise; B'nai B'rith Record; Jack Salot; Beverly Hills Times; Bill Stout; David Weissman; California Apparel News; J. R. Oshorenko; Herö Brin; Heritage; The Heritage Publishing Company; Southwest Jewish Press; The California Jewish Voice; Samuel B. Gach and Is. M. Lechtman.

PRAYER IN SCHOOLS??

From LOOK Magazine, February, 1963:

Jews Are Intollerant Of "Tolerance"

"...I am intollerant of that patronizing group who continue to prattle, 'Some of my best friends are Jews'".

- DORE SCHARY, National Chairman, ADL, or
The ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, B'NAI B'RITH.

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By millions, these unassimilable hords have slithered over our ramparts by-passing our Christian ordained immigration laws enacted by our forefathers, crying, "We are refugees".

Compassion, known only to our race and faith, was skilfully and artfully channelled into an instrument of self assisted destruction by this, the seed of the serpent.

GRATEFUL "REFUJEWS"

From its very inception, the ADL launched an attack against Christianity (their benefactors national religion) seeking the destruction of Christian American heritage, culture, morals, and standards. In fact, showing utter loathing and contempt for every facet of the way of life of those who gave them sanctuary and hospitality.

Given the privilege of attending Christian founded and supported schools, these haters of Christ turned with vengeance against the foundations of our culture, demanding eradication of that which they could not tolerate - our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

Thus - these aliens, who called themselves refugees - are demanding that our Nation's white Christian majority surrender every facet of our American way of life and conform to their "Synagogue of Satan".

Let a White Christian dare to defend his race and faith - then, the "refujew" screams, "Hate-monger, bigot, anti-Semite".

JESUS CHRIST - THE KING OF GLORY

never spent idle moments on earth. He was busy EVERY MOMENT - doing good, Yes - He watched! Yes - He prayed! But, in addition, was not something said to Christians to "OCCUPY"? And when we OCCUPY, are we not also working for Him, for His Kingdom, and for others?

Then - having OCCUPIED, what does your Bible say. To quit and rest? NO. - WHEN YOU OCCUPY FOR HIM YOU CONTINUE TO WORK, some say to plant the Seed which means telling others about your Kingdom which has no end. THEN WE ARE ADMONISHED - "TO STAND". We are then to hold fast to that which has been acquired for Him!! Are we idle? Are we resting? NO - We are busy - every moment - of every day - doing His Divine Commands - according to His wishes!

So to our King Eternal, our Almighty Omnipotent God, Creator of the earth, the universe and ALL things therein, we give Praise, and Honor, and Glory, now and forever, in the Wonderful Name of Jesus Christ!

Yours for a Christian Nation,

R. G. Butler

R. G. Butler, National Director
CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

"Sign Of Cross - FOREVER ! Mark Of The Beast - NEVER ! !

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE, 1923 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, Calif.
Important May - June 1965 (Important)

MEMO TO MEMBERS OF CDL:

"ANTI-CHRIST IN ACTION"

CDL MEMBERS desiring the 3 hour hate broadcast - the ADL inspired "HOT BED OF TATRED" - broadcast over the Metro-Media Radio Stations KLAC AM-FM, Friday night, May 21, 1965, should order immediately.

"EVERYTHING IN THE BOOKS" IS TOSSED AT YOU and other Christian Americans who oppose those who would destroy Christ and America! This vicious, one-sided, broadcasting 'fiesta' seems unrealistic - yet real FOR IT DID HAPPEN and on the air-waves of the United States of America! You must know what is going on so send in your order for:

#1. "HOT BED OF HATRED"	Each	\$2.00
#2. "JOE PYNE and Commentaries"	each	<u>2.00</u>
(Single orders optional)	Total	\$4.00

SPEAKING OF FINANCES. (The ADL has millions - they say).

AS OF TODAY - RIGHT NOW - YOUR CDL NOW HAS the finest and most justified opportunity ever presented by the enemies of Christ and America to strike a mighty blow in behalf of our Republic, our Race, our Faith.

However, this climacteric battle in which we find ourselves engaged, we have expended every cent to arouse and inspire White, Christian, Americans to fulfill their responsibilities.

NO OFFICER OR DIRECTOR receives or has ever received any remuneration for any services. We have the honor of serving God and Country - an Honor we now will never give up!

Some of us have dug deep into our own substance and giving all the time and energy at our command for a cause we believe in with every fibre of our being. Our only regret is that, as personal finances have been used up, full time in this most vital battle must now be sacrificed to the extent of providing food and shelter for our families.

THE LIBEL SUITS ARE READY TO BE FILED! Lets let our enemies return to the CDL a portion of WHITE CHRISTIAN money for use in the White Christians cause! (General Walker has won 'hands-down.')

THE CDL VITALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP to turn the tide against the vicious ADL-OGPU which seems to feel they can now with impunity - slander, libel and defame ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION that dares to stand for Jesus Christ and oppose the enemies of our Republic.

RGB/e

R. G. BUTLER
National Director

Special) R I C H A R D C O T T E N (Special
of CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINT will speak at the El Monte Legion Stadium, 11151 Monte Vista, El Monte, California at 8 PM, Thursday, June 17 -

ADMISSION WILL BE LIMITED TO THOSE WITH INVITATION TICKETS!

ALL WHO ARE FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINT - or truly interested in its pro-American efforts to arouse America - ARE URGED TO ATTEND. AN INTERESTING EVENING IS GUARANTEED.

The subject is: "TREASON IS THE REASON". A "Question and Answer" period follows WITH NO HOLDS BARRED!!

Air Mail your ticket request to them today - Box 1808, Bakersfield, California 93301.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9-30-65

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-296) -P-

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning above captioned organization. Three copies of the LHM are being furnished to Los Angeles and two copies to Little Rock.

The files of the Oklahoma City Office contain no information identifiable with [redacted] aka., [redacted], and [redacted] all of whom are identified in LHM as being associated with Reverend CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH.

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Oklahoma City T-1 is [redacted] Oklahoma, who requested that her identity be concealed.

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Sources who furnished information set out in enclosed LHM regarding LYNCH's membership in UFKKK are as follows:

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[redacted] (This source also furnished information concerning LYNCH speaking at KKK rally 9-30-63)

[redacted] (RAC)
CS [redacted] retired SA (Whose source was [redacted])

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It is noted that Los Angeles letter to Albany dated 5-3-65, captioned "WESLEY ALBERT SWIFT, RACIAL MATTERS" reflects that SWIFT was one of the organizers of the now defunct Christian Defense League.

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LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Will furnish Oklahoma City current characterization of the Christian Defense League, and advise whether any information has been received indicating that groups of this organization are being formed by CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH.

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Will furnish Oklahoma City results of indices check regarding [redacted] and any information which would possibly identify the mother of [redacted] who allegedly [redacted] Arkansas, which has been the site of meeting held by CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Will recontact [redacted]
[redacted] for any additional information received by her concerning the nature and activities of captioned organization in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which would determine if this organization meets the criteria for investigation as set forth in the Manual of Instructions, Section 122.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 30, 1965

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

CONRAD LYNCH
CONIE LYNCH

REV. CONNIE LYNCH

Oklahoma City T-1 advised on August 18, 1965, that she had received information that Rev. Charles Conley Lynch, who resides in San Bernardino, California, was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 13, 1965. According to the source Lynch is the head of an organization called the Christian Defense League, an organization which opposes racial integration. FI: 0.44

The source learned that [redacted] has recently become active in the above organization. [redacted] Oklahoma, (name unknown), is also active in the organization. During June, 1965, a meeting was reportedly held at the [redacted] residence in Tulsa. Recordings of Wesley Albert Swift were reportedly presented at the meeting. b6
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Also during June, 1965, a meeting or seminar of this group was held [redacted] attended the meeting which was held over one weekend. There have been reports that [redacted] Oklahoma, and has been used on many occasions by Charles Conley Lynch. At the present time a new dining hall and additional rooms are being built on the farm. b6
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About two or three weeks ago [redacted] Arkansas, and [redacted] went to California with Charles Conley Lynch, who drives a 1958 coral colored Cadillac. They all returned to Tulsa on August 13, 1965, and continued on to [redacted] Arkansas.

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CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

The source learned that while in California, Charles Conley Lynch was active in racial activities in Los Angeles. He learned of the marriage of a Negro and a white person, which is a violation of State law in California. Lynch went before a judge and had a warrant issued for the parties to the marriage, which resulted in a considerable amount of publicity. The publicity was the objective of Lynch in the matter.

Lynch reportedly stated that the newspapers in California were looking for someone to speak out against the Negro and he was what they were looking for. Lynch also reportedly made the statement that a man from the Justice Department had offered him \$50,000.00 to "lay off" racial activity in Los Angeles but Lynch turned it down. The man made the remark that "every man has his price." Lynch used this as an example to show how effective his organization is.

Lynch reportedly has stated that he is protecting the rights of the people and the Constitution. While in Los Angeles a man from the Justice Department handed Lynch a copy of the Public Accommodations Law and Lynch burned it. He said he did not consider it a law because it was unconstitutional. Lynch said that some people in the South are beginning to wake up but more need to be awakened. He said he desires peace and tranquility but not at the price of his liberty. He hates evil and intends to do something about it, even to risking his life. He has given up normal living in order to be on the move and meet trouble where ever it is.

Recently the source observed some literature which was being circulated by the Lynch organization. Some of the literature set forth the name [redacted] Arkansas. The informant also observed the name National States Right Party on some of the literature. CHIEF
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The source advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Oklahoma, and [redacted]

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

Tulsa, Oklahoma, have been associated with the Lynch group at Tulsa.

On September 13, 1965, the source advised she had recently learned from an individual who is acquainted with [redacted] Oklahoma. that [redacted] was born and reared a [redacted] is still living and is [redacted] The [redacted] Oklahoma and has a [redacted] Arkansas. [redacted] years of age but is still active. She has been to California twice during the past year with Rev. Charles Conley Lynch.

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The source advised on September 13, 1965, that [redacted] had recently stated she belonged to a group headed by Rev. Connie Lynch. [redacted] stated that Lynch was risking his life for everyone in spite of opposition and that he can have no personal life because he is doing so much to stand up against the Negro.

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The report of the California Attorney General, Thomas C. Lynch, to the California Legislature, released in April, 1965, stated that Wesley Albert Swift was the head of a chain of churches called the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, and one of his preachers was Charles Conley Lynch, one time organizer for the National States Rights Party. Swift, according to the report, was an organizer for the Ku Klux Klan in 1945; purchased over a hundred concealed firearms in the past year, and maintained a firing range on his Kern County ranch, as well as a "secret arsenal". In the report he was also named as one of the organizers of the California Rangers, described as a military arm for the members of his church and the now defunct Christian Defense League.

A characterization of the National States Rights Party appears in the appendix section of this memorandum.

CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

Confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised during the period from July, 1962, through November, 1963, that

Reverend Charles Conley Lynch, also known as Conie C. Lynch, Connie Lynch, Conrad Lynch, was a member of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), and he regularly attended meetings and spoke at rallies during that period. One of the above sources advised on October 7, 1963, that Lynch was the main speaker at a KKK rally held north of Jacksonville, Florida, on September 30, 1963. Lynch, in his speech, stated that the purpose of the Klan was to awaken the white man to the dangers of integration and to combat it with violence if necessary.

A characterization of the UFKKK and the KKK appears in the appendix section of this memorandum.

APPENDIX

UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN
(UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as the Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune", Tampa, Florida newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives as set forth above.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name UNITED KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that UNITED KLANS was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabaman Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.



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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 30, 1965

Title CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE

Character RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference Oklahoma City memorandum dated
 and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

OC T-1 is [redacted] with whom contact has been insufficient to determine her reliability.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 10/18/65

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-801) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RM

Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau, 9/30/65.

The Christian Defense League (CDL) is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels, and urges Christians to patronize only Christian places. At one time they had headquarters at the Oviatt Building, 617 South-Olive, Los Angeles, California, as [redacted] The CDL then endeavored to sponsor a Christian Buyers Guide, urging all those participating to buy from Christian store owners, however this failed also.

The CDL no longer has a headquarters, but uses the home of RICHARD GIRMUTH BUTLER, who is supposed to be the National Director of the CDL, as their mailing address. *Calif.*

Enclosed herewith is a throwaway which was distributed by the CDL in May, 1965, and which will give the Oklahoma City Office an idea of the type of material which is distributed by the CDL, a copy of this throwaway is also enclosed for Little Rock.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Office,

[redacted]
Los Angeles, California, advised on 10/14/65 that the CDL

[redacted]

Concerning CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, on 8/7/65 he appeared at a meeting of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) at Los Angeles, California, and during the meeting stated he would shoot any FBI Agent who attempted to use his authority on him.

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The Bureau, by airtel dated 8/27/65, authorized an interview of LYNCH and this interview was held on 9/28/65 at Anniston, Alabama by SAs CLAY SLATE and JOSEPH T. LANDERS.

LYNCH denied making any such statement, and stated, "I am not a fool". LYNCH said that all of his speeches are recorded by either the police, News Media, or the Government, and he challenges anyone to prove that he ever made an statement in which he advocated, suggested or otherwise threatened the shooting of any FBI Agent. LYNCH would not answer any questions concerning his past activities, or his future plans. He wanted to know if the Agents had a warrant for his arrest, and refused to discuss the matter any further. During the interview LYNCH was hostile and unfriendly. LYNCH, when he is in the Los Angeles area, resides with NEWMAN BRITTON, California Director of NSRP, at San Bernardino, California.

The Bureau, by Los Angeles letter dated 7/21/65, received a copy of the attached throwaway being forwarded to Oklahoma City.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office concerning the CDL. however, it is requested that if the reinterview of [redacted] at [redacted] reveals any information of value concerning the CDL, the Oklahoma City Office is requested to forward same to Los Angeles.

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A copy of this letter is being sent to the Little Rock Division as they have a lead regarding this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: November 29, 1965

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-467) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
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Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated
9/30/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight
copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning above
captioned organization. Three copies of the LHM are
being furnished Los Angeles and two copies to the Okla-
homa City Office.

The files of the Little Rock Office contain
no information identifiable with [redacted]

Little Rock T-1 is [redacted]
[redacted] Arkansas, whose identify is being concealed in
view of his position. Little Rock T-2 is [redacted]
[redacted] Arkansas, whose identify is being
concealed in view of his position. It is noted that in
Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 10/18/65 Rev.
CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH who resides in San Bernardino,
California, when he is in the Los Angeles area, resides
with NEWMAN BRITTON, California Director of NSRP at San
Bernardino, California.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
215 U. S. Post Office Building
P. O. Box 1111
Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203
November 29, 1965

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RE: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS
(ORGANIZATION)

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Little Rock T-1 advised on November 22, 1965, that [redacted] moved back to [redacted] Arkansas, approximately five years ago and resided for a while in a trailer on some property she had purchased. The first three years after her return to [redacted] he stated she worked at some [redacted] in [redacted] Arkansas, and commuted between [redacted] and [redacted]. She has now built a home at [redacted] and the past two years to his knowledge has not been gainfully employed.

Until recently he advised non-denominational religious meetings have been held at the [redacted] and it was his understanding that [redacted] During the last several months he stated it does not appear that any meetings are now taking place at the [redacted] residence.

Approximately eight months ago he informed that [redacted] had married a [redacted] who is reported to be from [redacted] and since the marriage to his knowledge [redacted] have been living together at [redacted] Arkansas.

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Little Rock T-2 on November 22, 1965, advised when [redacted] moved to [redacted] Arkansas, approximately five or six years ago, a number of religious meetings were held at the [redacted] and he observed numerous cars bearing out of state license plates. Recently he indicated there has not been any indication of any meetings taking place at the [redacted] residence and since [redacted] from [redacted] he has seen very little of either of them.

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RACIAL MATTERS
(ORGANIZATION)

Little Rock T-1 and Little Rock T-2 advised they are not
acquainted with [REDACTED] and do not know the mother of
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Character RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference Little Rock letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 11/30/65

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (157-296) (P)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Re Oklahoma City letter 9/30/65 and Los Angeles letter 10/18/65.

[redacted]
Oklahoma, who has requested her identity be protected, was recontacted in this matter on 11/29/65. She said she had received no additional information since last contacted.

[redacted] said she would advise if she received additional information in this matter.

Above for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 1/28/66

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-296)(C)

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE ---
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director 9/30/65;
Los Angeles letter to Director 10/18/65; and Little Rock
letter to Director 11/29/65.

No additional information has been received by
the Oklahoma City Office from [redacted]
[redacted] Oklahoma, or any other source indicating
that above captioned organization is presently active in
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

No additional investigation is being conducted in
this matter since it does not appear that the activity of the
individuals as reported by [redacted] would warrant
further investigation pursuant to Section 122 of the Manual
of Instructions.

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SAC, Los Angeles (157-571)

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Director, FBI (62-105253)

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS - WHITE HATE GROUPS

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ReJNairtel and LHM dated 11/29/68 and captioned,
"Speech By Reverend William P. Gale, Glendale, California,
at Brandon (Rankin County), Mississippi, 11/27/68, Racial
Matters."

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In view of information contained in above
referenced airtel and LHM, Los Angeles should reopen its
investigation concerning subject, Gale, to determine
whether he is the leader of or active in any white hate
groups. Follow Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions
as it pertains to investigation of Klan and white hate
groups.

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Subject is a former Army officer who came to
the Bureau's attention in 1964. At that time, he was
attempting to form a militant right-wing organization.
Those attempts were unsuccessful and this matter was
closed in October, 1964. In November, 1968, he spoke
at a meeting of the Americans For the Preservation of
the White Race (APWR), a front group for the notorious
White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Gale stated that he
had an organization of 2,000 men at that time. His speech
was anti-Semitic and anti-Negro and he stated that if the
FBI tried to arrest him, it would be "over my dead body,"
We are reopening this matter to determine his association,
if any, with white hate groups.

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November 29, 1968

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SPEECH BY REVEREND WILLIAM P.
GALE, GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA,
AT BRANDON (RANKIN COUNTY),
MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 27, 1968

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A source, who has provided reliable information in the past, furnished to a Special Agent of the FBI information concerning a lecture made by Reverend William P. Gale before a meeting sponsored by the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) at Brandon, Rankin County, Mississippi, on the night of November 27, 1968.

A characterization of the APWR is included in the appendix of this document.

Source furnished a handbill which he said was distributed on a selective basis advertising the lecture. This handbill reflected that Gale is a former Colonel on General Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Philippines and is presently pastor of the Ministry of Christ Church of Glendale, California. The handbill reflects that Gale organized and directed guerrilla forces in the Philippines during World War II and he is presently an expert on constitutional law and has sixteen years of theological and graduate studies at Yale University.

Source stated that the lecture of Gale was very anti-Semitic in nature. He said Gale had three Bibles; Protestant, Jewish and Catholic and quoted from each of them during the lecture. From the Jewish Bible he quoted passages substantiating his contention that Jesus was not a Jew; from the Catholic Bible

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GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AT BRANDON
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he showed the Jews are backing Communism. He said the Protestants claim the Jews are God's chosen people but he read passages from all three Bibles showing they are not the chosen people.

After the lecture, the audience was allowed to ask questions and one person asked about the Government sending men to the polling places. Gale said this was unbelievable and that they do not have such things in California, though California is actually more segregated than Mississippi.

Gale said, according to the source, that things he has heard since he has been in Mississippi that the FBI has done he finds almost unbelievable. He said the people do not have to put up with such things and that in California they do not put up with such treatment. Gale said the Sheriff is the high officer and if he is on "our side", they can get him to arrest the Agents and take them before a Commissioner. One person present said that the reason there were not more people in attendance at the lecture was because they were afraid to be identified with the APWR because the FBI would learn their identities and interview them.

Source stated that Gale said he just could not believe that "you people" are not any better organized than they apparently are. He said if they were organized they would not have to put up with these unbelievable things he has been told about. Gale said the Bible is the law. He said that in his church he has a Deputy Sheriff, and that nobody is going to bother him.

Source said that Gale told his audience that the FBI has talked to him on more than one occasion and that if he wants to talk to the Agents, he does so, but if he does not feel like it, he refuses to talk.

SPEECH BY REVEREND WILLIAM P. GALE,
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AT BRANDON
(RANKIN COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Gale said, "but let them try just one time to arrest me; it will be over my dead body".

Source advised that Gale talked about his personal authority and said he has authority to have a man killed. He said, "You can be in the same position I am in", and that what his audience needed was leadership. He said "It's in the Bible" and that what they needed to do is to read the Bible and "You will know what to do".

Source stated that Gale mentioned that he has an organization of 2,000 men, which source said is the same number of men that Sidney Barnes has mentioned in the past. Gale said he could make one telephone call and get them together in ten minutes.

Source stated that Gale said that in the event trouble should start that night, and said "There is going to be trouble; it's going to come to an end", that he had the authority, in the event a man from the State of Mississippi refused to follow his instructions, to have him shot at once.

Source advised that Gale is obviously very anti-Semitic and that he quoted passages from the Bible indicating that Jews are to be destroyed. Source said, however, that Gale did not advocate everybody going out and killing Jews like Sidney C. Barnes and his wife advocate.

A collection was taken up at the meeting according to the source, and Gale announced that none of the money would go to him but that it would go to fight for "the cause" and would be put to a good purpose.

Source stated that Gale announced that the lecture was actually a memorial service for Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth, "who was a very wonderful and religious person who is now turning to

SPEECH BY REVEREND WILLIAM P. GALE,
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AT BRANDON
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dust, but she is an angel; believe me, I know she is an angel; Yahu (phonetic) has told me so". Source said that this is the name that Gale and Barnes use for God.

Source said that during his lecture, Gale quoted various laws, codes and sections from memory, as well as numerous passages from the Bible. He said that the people in Rankin County have a law library and that they should go to the library and inform themselves on the law.

Various pamphlets were available for the people to take with them, one of which was entitled "Identity", and was apparently written by Gale.

Source advised that during Gale's lecture, an individual delivered a message on a piece of paper to Gale announcing that the jury in the trial of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had just rendered a guilty verdict and that [REDACTED] had been sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary. Source said that Gale read the message aloud and that it was obvious that Sidney Crockett Barnes, who was sitting on the rostrum with Gale, was severely upset.

With reference to [REDACTED] it will be noted that [REDACTED] was tried at Meridian, Mississippi, on a charge of attempting to bomb the residence of a prominent Jewish leader and that on the night of November 27, 1968, a guilty verdict was returned. Source has stated that he has learned that [REDACTED] and Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth came under the influence of Sidney Crockett Barnes several years ago and were apparently instructed in anti-Semitism and race hatred by Barnes. Ainsworth was killed on the night of June 30, 1968, during a shootout with police officers at Meridian at the time [REDACTED] attempted to place a bomb at the Jewish leader's residence.

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SPEECH BY REVEREND WILLIAM P. GALE,
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AT BRANDON,
(RANKIN COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Source stated that since the death of Ainsworth, Barnes and his wife have moved to Jackson, Mississippi, and that from information available to him, it appears that they are attempting to instruct other persons in anti-Semitism and race hatred. Source said that Barnes advocates the destruction of all Jews and encourages individuals to engage in personal acts of violence.

Sidney Barnes
Source stated that Mrs. Pauline Barnes, wife of *Mrs. Mrs. Sidney Crockett Barnes*, and Mrs. Margaret Capomacchia, mother of Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth, also advocate and teach the same race hatred as that of Sidney Barnes. Source stated that Mrs. Capomacchia has moved to Jackson from Mobile, Alabama, and that she and the Barneses are residing in the residence formerly occupied by Kathleen Madlyn Ainsworth.

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APPENDIX

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AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE (APWR)

The records of the Secretary of State, State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, reflect that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race was granted a charter of incorporation on June 25, 1963, at Jackson, Mississippi. According to the charter of incorporation, this organization was formed for bettering the conditions and improving the welfare of the white race and to insure peaceful coexistence between the races of the South, maintaining law and order at all times and to provide for the general welfare of the physical, mental, and moral condition of mankind and to promote the cultural, social, literary, and mental welfare of its members.

A source advised on May 28, 1968, that the APWR, with headquarters at Jackson, Mississippi, is now dominated by present and former Ku Klux Klan members. The APWR presently serves as a front organization for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), having been taken over by individual members of the WKKKKOM during the latter part of 1967. In most chapters of the APWR, Klan members are in complete control.

This source advised that the APWR, during 1968, has been primarily concerned with financial support to various Klan members who have been arrested in Mississippi, both by federal authorities and state authorities, for acts of racial violence. The major fund-raising projects are for the purpose of paying attorneys' fees for those Klansmen being tried or awaiting trial. In addition, the APWR actively attempts to nominate and support candidates for state and local offices who are sympathetic to their cause. The APWR also supports the segregation of schools and other public facilities, and is attempting to promote private schools to avoid integration.

APPENDIX

SPEECH BY REVEREND WILLIAM P. GALE,
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, AT BRANDON
(RANKIN COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-105253)

DATE: 3/5/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-571)(C)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RM: WHITE HATE GROUPS
OO: Los Angeles

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DATE 10-6-88 BY SP186/TAC
#284931

Re Bulet dated 12/13/68 and Jackson airtel dated 11/29/68 with attached LHM dated 11/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Jackson one copy of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) reflecting information pertaining to the subject's activities in the Los Angeles area. Two copies of FD-376 enclosed.

Copies of this LHM have been disseminated on a local level to United States Secret Service; 115th MIG, Region II, Pasadena; NISO, San Diego and OSI, Norton Air Force Base.

The attached LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect the identity of the following sources:

Source 1
Source 2
Source 3
Source 4
Source 5
Source 6
Source 7

[REDACTED] (PROB)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (closed)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (closed)

Source 8
Source 9

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Information pertaining to [redacted]
[redacted] the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff mentioned
in the attached LHM, was orally disseminated to [redacted]
on 3/3/69 at 8:30 a.m., [redacted]

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GALE is neither on the Security Index or Agitator Index, and based on investigation conducted, it is not recommended that GALE be included on either index. GALE is included in the list of potential bombing suspects in the Los Angeles Division, and has been previously interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning bombing matters. GALE was last interviewed on 7/16/68 regarding the bombing of the Selective Service Headquarters, North Hollywood, California. Another interview of GALE is not recommended at this time.

During this investigation, information was not received which would indicate GALE as a member or leader of any group or organization warranting continued FBI investigation; therefore, this case is being closed.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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File No.

LA 157-571

March 5, 1969

Director

United States Secret Service

Department of the Treasury

Washington, D. C. 20220

WILLIAM POTTER GALE
RACIAL MATTERS -
WHITE HATE GROUPS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Re report of SA JOHN C.
● NEILL dated 10/6/64 at
Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
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Los Angeles, California

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Source one furnished information concerning a lecture given by William Potter Gale on the night of November 27, 1968, at Brandon (Rankin County) Mississippi. This lecture was given at a meeting sponsored by the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) (see appendix). A handbill distributed on a selective basis, advertising the lecture, reflected that Gale was a former Colonel on General Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Philippines and is presently Pastor of the Ministry of Christ Church of Glendale, California. The handbill reflected that Gale organized and directed guerrilla forces in the Philippines during World War II and is presently an expert on Constitutional Law and has sixteen years of Theological and graduate studies at Yale University.

Gale's lecture was described by source one as very anti-Semitic in nature. Source one added that Gale mentioned that he has an organization of 2,000 men, which he could get together in ten minutes by making one telephone call. Gale also stated that he has a deputy sheriff in his church, and no-one is going to bother him (Gale). Source two advised that this inference that the Deputy would protect Gale appears to be an exaggeration to impress Gale's audience.

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Source one also advised that Gale stated that the FBI had talked to him on more than one occasion and that if he wants to talk to the Agents, he does so, but if he does not feel like it, he refuses to talk. Gale added, "but let them try just one time to arrest me; it will be over my dead body". This source also advised that Gale talked about his personal authority and stated that he has authority to have a man killed.

William Potter Gale currently resides at 17486 Stillmore Street, Saugus, California, and is a self-employed Securities broker with an office at 208 East Glenoaks Boulevard, Glendale, California. Gale is the founder and Pastor of the Ministry of Christ Church, and conducts weekly Sunday meetings, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 244 North Maryland Avenue, Glendale, California.

During September, 1964, source three advised that Gale was forming a church, which at that time consisted of approximately forty persons. During October, 1964, source three advised that Gale's church was growing rapidly and attracting many of the ultra-right, fascistic and otherwise subversive elements. Gale's organization was reportedly distributing a guide on how to organize effective underground organizations, based on the idea of having religious study groups as a front and small cells of five men as "action-groups". On December 8, 1964, source three furnished information revealing that Gale's church was incorporated as the Ministry of Christ Church and was authorized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California, with headquarters in Los Angeles County. This source also reported that the church organization [REDACTED]

On May 22, 1968, source four advised that Gale holds weekly meetings at the Masonic Temple, 244 North Maryland Avenue, Glendale, California. Source added that Gale speaks out very strongly against the Jews and literature in pamphlet form is passed out to anyone in attendance at these meetings.

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This source also advised that Gale is believed to be active with the "California Rangers" and has two men who reportedly act as bodyguards, who are with him almost constantly. One of these bodyguards was reportedly a possible employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, working in the Palmdale, California area.

Source two advised that the [redacted] referred to has been identified as [redacted] who admits his association with Gale's church and who has been observed in the company of Gale while armed, but there is no basis for believing that [redacted] is actually a bodyguard for Gale. Source five advised that one [redacted] had been identified as a bodyguard for Gale during May, 1965.

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Source three advised on June 18, 1965, that the California Rangers were formerly an organization in the Southern California area. The organization was similar to the Minutemen (see appendix), in that its aims were to have a ready guerilla force in the event of a "Communist takeover".

In the April 13, 1965, edition of the "Los Angeles Times", a major daily Los Angeles, California newspaper, an article appeared, setting forth a report from California Attorney General Thomas Lynch to members of the California legislature concerning para-military organizations which posed a threat to the peace and security of California. The report details the California Rangers between the National States Rights Party (NSRP) (see appendix) and the Reverend Wesley Albert Swift, Lancaster, California, head of a chain of churches called Church of Jesus Christ

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Christian (CJCC) and identified in 1945 as a Ku Klux Klan (KKK) (see appendix) organizer. One link between the two was named as Conrad Lynch former California organizer for the NSRP and for many years a preacher in Swift's churches. This report also reflects that the California Rangers is a sort of militant arm for the "church members" and the Christian Defense League (CDL) (see below). The report stated that it has been reported that the politically oriented CDL and the religious CJCC serve secondary functions of providing a screening process for militant-minded members of both to be graduated to the "Rangers". The report said that the "Rangers" purpose was to build an underground network for the conducting of guerilla warfare. The training program of the "Rangers" was said to encompass all the different activities which a guerilla force would be called upon to undertake.

Source six advised on February 12, 1964, that the CDL is an organization that advocates the election of Christians to public office at all levels and urges Christians to patronize only Christians business places.

Source five advised on January 28, 1969, that Gale has in the past been associated with the California Rangers, the CDL, and possibly the KKK.

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Sources two, five, seven, eight, and nine, advised during January, 1969, that they have no knowledge indicating that Gale is currently active in or a leader of any white hate group or organization, other than the Ministry of Christ Church.

Source eight advised that Gale was a former close associate of Dr. Wesley Albert Swift, and added that Gale started his own church, causing Gale and Swift to "split-up". Gale took about half of Swift's congregation with him. Source eight advised that Gale's statement indicating an organization of some 2,000 members, was, in his opinion, a gross exaggeration to impress the audience to whom Gale was speaking. Source eight added that Gale's following probably consists of past and current members of his congregation, which consisted of only 30 - 40 members during 1966. Source eight advised that Dr. Swift occasionally talks about Gale in a general way, mostly to run him down, but has never made any comments regarding any specific activity on the part of Gale.

Source eight added that while associated with Dr. Swift, Gale was known as the military operations commander for the California Rangers. This source commented that if the "Rangers" were in existence when Gale dis-associated himself from Dr. Swift, it is possible that Gale may have taken members of the "Rangers" with him.

Source nine advised on January 29, 1969, that Gale was associated with the California Rangers approximately two years ago, to the extent that [REDACTED]. This source was not aware of current affiliation with the "Rangers" on the part of Gale.

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Source nine also advised that an employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office has been observed at Gale's residence on several occasions, usually for a short visit during mid-day.

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Gale reportedly advised source nine that he

[redacted]
Source nine added that Gale refers to himself as a Kingdom Minister. It is noted that an unidentified person at the Masonic Temple, 244 North Maryland Avenue, Glendale, California, advised that the room utilized by Gale for his church meeting can comfortably seat 150 persons without making extra provisions. This person indicated that special provisions were not necessary to handle Gale's group.

Source nine advised that Gale [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] Source
nine also advised that [redacted]
[redacted] caliber and type unknown, which [redacted]
[redacted] This source added that Gale has mentioned other weapons which he owns, apparently the types generally used by hunters or target shooters.

Credit and law enforcement checks failed to reveal any information identifiable with Gale.

It is noted that Gale was a candidate for Governor of the State of California during 1966, and a candidate for Congressman from the 27th Congressional District of California during 1968.

Gale is described as follows:

Name	William Potter Gale
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	November 20, 1916
Place of birth	St. Paul, Minnesota
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown

Mrs.
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WILLIAM POTTER GALE
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Marital status

Married: wife-

[REDACTED]

California

Social Security No. 569-18-2561

Army Serical No. 0-416089

Operators License V 283278

Number

Vehicles

1963 Chevrolet Van

NBD 115;

1967 Chrysler

Imperial Coupe

VDG 131

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GALE REPORTEDLY OWNS FIREARMS AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR USE. IN VIEW OF THIS STATEMENTS MADE BY THE
SUBJECT INDICATING A POSSIBLE PR SITY FOR VIOLENCE, HE
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND D EROUS.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~APPENDIX"MINUTEMEN"

The "Minutemen" was organized in June, 1960. Its present headquarters are Norborne, Missouri. ROBERT B. DE PUGH, Norborne, Missouri, has been publicly identified as the founder and National Coordinator of the organization since its inception. Membership of the "Minutemen" is claimed by DE PUGH to be in excess of 35,000 members; however, confidential sources state this figure is greatly exaggerated and that a more true estimate would be between [REDACTED]. Statements by DE PUGH and literature distributed by the organization indicate its purpose to be the resistance to, and exposure of, the spread of Communist influence within the United States; for the formation of a guerrilla or underground organization to combat the troops of any foreign powers which might eventually occupy this country; to resist passage of laws which would regulate private ownership of firearms.

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In April, 1966, DE PUGH stated the "Minutemen" organization was then dividing itself into two bodies: one group to be members who have been able to maintain their identity in complete secrecy from the public and government investigative agencies, and the other group to be made up of members who have been publicly identified and who will become active in the Patriotic Party. National conventions of the Patriotic Party were held in July, 1966, at Kansas City, Missouri, and July, 1967, at Kansas City, Kansas.

Members of the "Minutemen" organization, including ROBERT B. DE PUGH and his close associate, [REDACTED], have been arrested in the past on charges of violation of the Federal Firearms Act, Bank Robbery - Conspiracy, Illegal Possession of Firearms and Conspiracy to Commit Arson. They have also engaged in maneuvers utilizing guerrilla tactics wherein machine guns, mortars, grenades, and other firearms were employed.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY
(NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont", a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party". According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals".

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt", self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank-and-file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party", with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt" is the individual who actually controls the NSRP. [redacted]

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(NSRP)

Issue No. 100, dated April, 1968, of "The Thunderbolt", reflects Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt".

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Los Angeles, California
March 5, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LA 157-571

Title WILLIAM POTTER GALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS - WHITE HATE GROUPS

Reference Los Angeles Letterhead Memorandum
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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☒ Restricted to Locality of CALIF.
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☒ Variations

Subject CHRISTIAN DEFENSE LEAGUE
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Localities CALIF.

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DATE 10-7-88 BY SP1AG/mr
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-147)

DATE: January 7, 1963

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-160)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DESEGREGATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
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Re Los Angeles airtel to St. Louis dated December 20, 1962,
Los Angeles airtel to St. Louis dated December 27, 1962, Memphis airtel
to the Bureau dated December 28, 1962, and Los Angeles airtel to St.
Louis dated December 31, 1962.

A review on January 4, 1963 by IC NOEL L. BAKER of the United
States Naval service records on file at the Military Personnel Records
Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated [redacted] Serial Number
[redacted] enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve Training Corps
on [redacted] and was transferred to an inactive duty status on
the same date. He was honorably discharged on [redacted] as a
Seaman Apprentice at San Diego, California by reason of expiration of
enlistment.

The following descriptive and background information was con-
tained in the military service records:

Date and place of birth:

[redacted] New Jersey

Height:

Weight:

[redacted] pounds

Race:

White

Hair:

Dark Brown

Eyes:

Complexion:

Address:

[redacted] California

Relatives:

Father, [redacted]

and Mother, [redacted]

both residing at [redacted]

California (1/29/53); Wife [redacted]

[redacted] California

Photograph:

None available in the service records.

Selective Service Number:

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A review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, for WILLIAM POTTER GALE, indicated that he had military service in the United States National Guard of California from August 8, 1932 to November 12, 1934, State National Guard; from November 15, 1934 to June 4, 1937, federal National Guard; from November 1, 1937 to September 10, 1938, State National Guard; and from January 22, 1941 to March 2, 1941, State National Guard.

He was appointed and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States National Guard of California on March 3, 1941 under serial number 0 416 089 and entered on active duty on the same date at Los Angeles, California. He was honorably retired as a Lieutenant Colonel on June 30, 1950 at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California due to a permanent disability diagnosed as "...hepatitis, chronic, moderate, cause undetermined...." and placed on the Temporary Disability Retired list. His appointment in the United States Army Reserves was terminated on April 1, 1953 by operation of law. The service records indicated that he was appointed as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, Officers' Reserve Corps on June 25, 1947 and accepted this appointment on June 26, 1947.

The records further contained a Disposition Board Proceedings For Officers dated February 14, 1949 at the McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena 2, California which indicated that "....He was evacuated to the US in April 1944, and sent to Letterman General Hospital where on 13 April 1944, a diagnosis of psychoneurosis, anxiety state, moderately severe, manifested by abdominal pain, indigestion, weakness, insomnia and fatigue, cause undetermined, was made...."

The following descriptive and background information was contained in the military service records:

Date and place of birth:	11/20/16, St. Paul, Minnesota
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	140 pounds
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Build:	Medium
Education:	Four years of college
Civilian Occupation:	Shown as administrative
Military Occupation:	Plans and Policies Officer
Addresses:	21137 South Figueroa Street, Torrance, California (1/24/54); 1842 Outpost Drive, Los Angeles, California (2/15/54); 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (2/16/41)
Relatives:	Wife, Mrs. JOSEPHINE GALE, 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (2/4/43); Father, CHARLES GALE, and Mother, MARY A. GALE, both residing at 6569 Third Avenue, Los Angeles, California (2/4/43)

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Employments:

Bill's Cafe, 2411 W. Florence Avenue, state, city, and dates not shown; San Pedro Smelting and Refining Company from 10/37 to 2/41, state and city not shown. C-6 052 911, Veterans Administration Regional Office, Los Angeles, California.

VA Claim Number:

None available in the service records.

Photograph:

The records contained an efficiency folder for GALE which revealed a newspaper clipping from the Los Angeles Times dated July 11, 1960 which indicated that WILLIAM P. GALE, of 1842 Outpost Drive, Hollywood, California led a parade in support of ORVAL FAUBUS, governor of Arkansas for President.

The service records for both [redacted] and GALE failed to reflect any specific knowledge or training in the field of explosives or demolitions.

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